

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Ruby-crowned Kinglet How many? 2

Location? Mockridge

Type of Habitat? large pine grove surrounded by deciduous woodlots

When? date(s): 12-20-96 time: 0945 to 1015

Who? your name and address: Kelly J. McKay 6143 34th. Ave. Moline, IL. 61265

Others with you: Ulf Konig

Others before or after you: none

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Small birds, same size as the several Golden-crowns that they were with. The birds were showing their ruby crown patches. They had eye rings as opposed to the eye lines of the Golden-crowns. They gave the single note calls instead of the 2 or 3 note calls.

Similar species; how eliminated: Golden-crowned Kinglet - has golden crown patch, eye lines, and a 2 or 3 note call.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. sun to our side, light conditions very good for pine grove interior. Leica Ultra 10X 42 binoc. Zeiss Pialyt 7X42 binoc.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: considerable experience with both species.

References and persons consulted before writing description: National Geographic Field Guide

How long before field notes made? 1 hr. this form completed? 8 hrs.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).