

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Ruby Crowned Kinglet How many? 1Location? Merritt Access Racoon River Carroll Co.Type of habitat? River bottom scattered dead trees & underbrushWhen? date(s): 1-1-98 time: 11:30 to 11:31Who? your name and address: Rob. Thelen 1744 Salinger Carroll IA 52001others with you: Ed Thelen, Marty Thelenothers before or after you: NA

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

I spotted small olive-gray bird flicking its wings in and around some underbrush. This bird had a eyering and white wing bars. Birds size was wren size. Appeared fairly tame.

Similar species and how eliminated: Golden Crowned Kinglet.This Kinglet had no Golden crown.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
est. 15-20 ft. clear sun shining at my back(Wood River 8x42)

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Commonly seen in MayReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 5 hrs.MAIL TO: T. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City IA 52240