

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species BOHEMIAN WAXWING 2. Number: ONE

3. Location GLENDALE CEMETERY - DES MOINES, IOWA

4. Date: JANUARY 27, 1985 5. Time Bird seen: 3:45 to 3:47 PM

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field): A LARGE FLOCK OF CEDAR WAXWINGS FLEW INTO TOP OF 30 FT TREE - ONE BIRD NOTICEABLY LARGER - COLOR WAS DIFFERENT - WAS GRAY - WAS ABLE TO STAND RIGHT UNDERNEATH - DEEP RED UNDERNEATH TAIL - TWO WHITE WING MARKS

7. Description of voice, if heard: —

8. Description of behavior: ASSOCIATED WITH CEDAR WAXWINGS

9. Habitat - general: CEDARS AND CONIFERS  
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:  
BIRD WAS MUCH LARGER THAN OTHER CEDAR WAXWINGS - COLOR WAS GRAY COMPARED TO YELLOW CREAM OF CEDAR WAXWING - 2 WHITE WING MARKS NOT ON CEDAR WAXWINGS - CEDAR WAXWINGS DO NOT HAVE RED UNDER TAIL

11. Distance (how measured)? 15 YDS (ESTIMATE) 12. Optical equipment: 8X40 BUSHNELL BINOCULARS

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
SUN AT BACK - CLEAR VIEW

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
NONE

15. Other observers:  
EUGENE AND ELOISE ARMSTRONG, RENEE BAADÉ

16. Did the others agree with your identification?  
YES

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:  
ABOVE

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
ROBBINS - GOLDEN GUIDE

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

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Date: JANUARY 29, 1985 City, State: COLO, IOWA 50056