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Jim,

Thought I'd better send you the info. on the Bewick's Wren before I forgot.

Location - 2 miles north of Wapello in Louisa County.

Date - late June and July¹⁹⁸³, seen on numerous occasions.

Habitat - along edge of timber, at the top of the Iowa River bluff. Lawns and cropground extend right to the edge of the bluff, with timber down to the river.

Description - A pair of House Wrens were using a birdhouse on our clothesline, and I kept close tabs on them from our kitchen window. One day I noticed a wren that appeared to have more white on it so I checked it out with binoculars. The white eye stripe and white underparts were obvious, and a little closer scrutiny revealed his white-fringed tail which he was flicking from side to side, just like the book says. I never saw more than one at a time, but saw one on numerous occasions after that. I usually saw it right around a swingset in our neighbor's yard and once saw it go into a hole in one of those plastic horses that swings. I never did hear it sing or see any nesting evidence.

Sincerely,

Mallard Man Ohde

P.S. If you could send me a price + what I need to know to order your book, I'd appreciate it.