

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? BOHEMIAN WAXWING How many? 1Location? GLENDALE CEMETERY, DES MOINESType of habitat? CONIFERSWhen? date(s): 1 FEB, 1985 time: 1:30 to 1:45 PMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITYothers with you: LAURA FULLER (LFu)others before or after you: MOB

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.

GENERAL SIZE & SHAPE - LOOKED LIKE A CEDAR WAXWING,  
ONLY LARGER & PLUMPER & GRAYER.

BILL - DARK

EYE - DARK - NO RING

HEAD - BLACK MASK THROUGH EYE - SOME RUSTY COLOR AROUND  
MASK.

BACK + NECK - GRAY TO BROWNISH GRAY

WING - GRAYER THAN BODY AND HAD 2 WHITE MARKINGS

TAIL - YELLOW TERMINAL BAND ON GRAY TAIL - SHORT LENGTH  
AND SQUARED

BREAST + BELLY - PLUMP SHAPE AND GRAYISH COLOR

UNDERTAIL - RUSTY COLOR

BIRD WAS BY ITSELF IN RED CEDAR TREE EATING BERRIES.  
IT DID MAKE AN INSECT LIKE "ZREE" NOISE SEVERAL TIMES  
(NOT AS HIGH PITCHED AS CEDAR WAXWING.)

Similar species and how eliminated:

CEDAR WAXWING - BIRD PLUMPER, GRAYER, RUSTY UNDERTAIL  
& WHITE WING MARKINGS + VOICE.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

SUNNY - MID DAY 8X40 BINOCULARS AT 20-30 FEET  
WITH SUN AT BACK.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: ONLY A FEW TIMES IN

N. WISCONSIN + MINNESOTA

References and persons consulted before writing description: PETERSON + NATAL GEOG.

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 6 HOURS

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