

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? American Robin-Albino How many? one

Location? 2400 South Shore Drive, Clear Lake, Iowa

Type of Habitat? Trailer park in town across from a small park

When? date(s): 10-15-90 time: 11:25 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Who? your name and address: Kim L. Pinneke, P.O. Box 1092, Mason City, IA 50401

Others with you: None

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.

A flock of robins were feeding on the ground near a trailer house. A white bird was in the midst of them. As I approached the flock took to flight. The white bird along with several robins perched in a tree nearby. This bird was of the similar size and shape of the robins perched nearby, and gave the general appearance of a common robin except that the entire plumage that was visible was white in color. Eye color was not observable which may put into question its being a true albino.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Rock dove eliminated by size and overall appearance.

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

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

Overcast skies

Guess of six feet in distance

Naked eyes

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Very familiar with robins and other members of the thrush family as well as with Rock doves.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Jan Walter (Mason City)

How long before field notes made? in field this form completed? 3 hours

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