

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2. Number 1
3. Location Near Iowa River Below Coalville Res Dam N. of Iowa City Ia
4. Date: Dec 15, 1979 5. Time Bird Seen: 7<sup>35</sup> to 7<sup>37</sup>
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 Kinglet with wingbars, eye-ring and ruby crown flitting in brush and low bushes
7. Description of voice, if heard: N/A
8. Description of behavior: Flushed from bushy area. Flew into low bush in a yard.
9. Habitat - general: residential - edge of woods along river  
specific: as above
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
golden-crowned kinglet
11. Distance (how measured)? 25 ft (est) 12. Optical equipment:  
8x40 Leitz Tevivid
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
clear but in shady area at this time of day
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
common, unusual at this date
15. Other observers: Terry Cox, Mary Noble
16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: N/A
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
none
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 10 hours
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