

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

Species Bohemian Waxwing 2. Number: 1

Location Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City, Iowa

Date: Jan. 13, 1978 5. Time Bird seen: 4:15 to 4:18 PM

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): Similar to nearby Cedar Waxwing, but larger, bulkier; chest pinkish, abdomen whitish; undertail coverts cinnamon; two white spots visible on wing; yellow terminal band on tail like that of Cedar Waxwing

Description of voice, if heard: part of a milling flock of some 50 Cedar Waxwings; voice not individually traced

Description of behavior: perching on branch of deciduous tree, then flying off and out of sight

Habitat - general: city park
specific: shallow ravine with deciduous and coniferous plantings

Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain: Cedar Waxwing close, good comparison of a) size; b) whitish undertail coverts in C.W.; c) lack of white on wing in C.W.

Distance (how measured)? est. 30 feet minimum 12. Optical equipment: 7x35 Leica Trinoid Binoculars

Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): Sun behind cloud deck on horizon; bird W to SW of observer, 10-20 feet above eye level

Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: B. Waxwing a life; seen thousands of Cedar Waxwings

Other observers: —

Did the others agree with your identification? —

Other observers who independently identified this bird: —

Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: Standard American, European field guides. Confirmatory.

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 8:50 PM

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