

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

Species Bohemian Waxwing 2. Number: 1

Location River Heights, 4 miles n. of Iowa City (my yard)

Date: Jan. 27, 1978 5. Time Bird seen: 1:20 PM to _____

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): With some 8 Cedar Waxwings. Similar but larger; white spots on wings, pale edgings of black primaries seen; long undertail coverts bright rusty

Description of voice, if heard: —

Description of behavior: flew into cranberry bush, hopped around a little, then flew out and out of sight

Habitat - general: suburban yard
specific: in berry-bearing cranberry bushes

Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
Cedar Waxwing

Distance (how measured)? 30 ft.

12. Optical equipment:
7x35 binoculars

Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
seen from inside house house looking W, sun a little past zenith to SSW; clear day

Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
seen one on 1/13/78 in a park in Iowa City, and many 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:
none

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 2 days

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