

Species: Bewick's Wren, Thryomanes bewickii

Date: 28 May 1992, 2:30 p.m.

Location: Lacey-Keosauqua St. Pk. campground, Van Buren Co., Iowa.

Same bird reported by others.

Other Obs: Bill Pinkston

Description: Typical Bewick's Wren song heard several times, then spotted bird in tree. It flew to ground, hopping about and foraging. Medium-sized wren with extremely long tail, cocked upward and swinging it about. Upperparts very drab, pale brownish-gray. Underparts whitish. Tail widened slightly toward tip, black and white pattern at corners seen well.

Conditions: Observed less than a minute under sunny skies from 10 meters with Zeiss 10x40 binoculars.

Similar Species: Song and tail alone rule out House and Carolina Wrens.

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