

BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

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SPECIES: BOHEMIAN WAXWING

NUMBER: 1 ADULT

LOCATION: 1 mile w. of #218 on county F20

COUNTY: Johnson

DATE: 11 November 1984

TIME: 10:35 AM TO 10:40 AM

HABITAT: Along roadside lined with medium trees and a hillside with lots of bushes and shrubs. Many Cedar Waxwings feeding in same area.

DESCRIPTION: In direct comparison to a Cedar Waxwing sitting about 3 feet away, this bird was much larger in length and in body bulk. The upper back and the chest were a more uniform gray-tan color than the Cedar. The wings showed prominent white and yellow in addition to the red areas. The undertail coverts were chestnut. The bird took off and crossed the road, perched for a moment and then flew around overhead. As it did, we could easily hear the lower and buzzier call note. It was very distinct from the call note of the Cedar Waxwings in the area.

SIMILAR SPECIES--COMMENTS: The size, wing markings, chesnut undertail, and call note were considered in direct comparison to nearby Cedar Waxwings.

AGREEMENT/DISAGREEMENT OF OTHERS: Tom Kent, Tom Staudt, and Rick Hollis, all of Iowa City, agreed with the identification.

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Overcast. First view was somewhat into light, second view across road was with gray light at back.

DISTANCE: 15 to 40 yards (Estimated) EQUIPMENT: 7X binos

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES: Flock of 75 seen in Minnesota in Feb. 1984.

REFERENCES, PERSONS CONSULTED BEFORE WRITING DESCRIPTION: None

FIELD NOTES MADE? 5 minutes

THIS FORM DONE? 4 days