

What species? TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE How many? 2Location? BROWN'S LAKE - WOODBURY COUNTYType of habitat? GRASSLAND WITH SCATTERED TREES, ESPECIALLY CEDARSWhen? date(s): 27 DECEMBER, 1989 time: 9:00AM to 9:30AMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITY, IOWA, 52240others with you: EUGENE & ELOISE ARMSTRONGothers before or after you: BILL HUSER, BOB LIVERMORE

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

ONE BIRD WAS VIEWED FOR UP TO HALF AN HOUR IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AT VARYING DISTANCES. THE OTHER BIRD WAS IN THE SAME TREE FOR LESS THAN A MINUTE, CONFIRMING TWO BIRDS.

THE BIRD THAT WAS SEEN FOR THE LONGEST TIME WILL BE DESCRIBED, ALTHOUGH THE SECOND BIRD APPEARED TO BE THE SAME. GENERAL SIZE WAS SMALLER, AND NOT NEARLY SO PLUMP AS THE ROBINS WHICH WERE ON TWO OCCASIONS IN THE SAME TREE. THE BIRD WAS GENERALLY GRAY AND HAD A RELATIVELY LONG TAIL. OTHER FIELD MARKS SEEN WERE A PROMINENT WHITE EYE RING, A SHORT DARK BILL, DARK LEGS, WHITE OUTER TAIL FEATHERS, AND ORANGISH WING BARS (2). THERE WAS AN ORANGISH UNDERWING PATTERN WHILE FLYING. THE FOLDED WING WAS DARKER THAN THE GENERALLY GRAY BODY AND HEAD. BECAUSE THE BIRD RESPONDED TO A TAPE OF ITS CALL, IT SEEMED AGITATED, FLIPPING ITS TAIL (MUCH LIKE A ROBIN) REPEATEDLY. I DID NOT HEAR IT SING, ALTHOUGH THE ARMSTRONG'S SAID THEY DID JUST BEFORE I ARRIVED.

Similar species and how eliminated: CATBIRD IS ONLY BIRD WITH SIMILAR SIZE AND COLOR. THIS BIRD DID NOT HAVE THE BLACK CROWN OR TAIL OR RUSTY ~~AND~~ UNDERTAIL COVERTS OF THE CATBIRD. IT DID HAVE EYERING AND WING BARS ~~THAT CATB~~ AND WHITE OUTER TAIL FEATHERS CATBIRD DOES NOT HAVE

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

CLEAR - VIEWED WITH 8.5X44 SWIFT BINOCULARS AT DISTANCES OF 50-200 FEET AND AT VARIOUS DIRECTIONS.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: SEEN OFTEN IN WEST. ALSO SAW 2 IN CHEROKEE COUNTY SEVERAL YEARS AGOReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NONEHow long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 4 DAYS +

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