

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? BEWICK'S WREN (Thryomanes bewickii) How many? 1 (one)

Location? 209 W. THOMAS AVE., SHELANDOAH, IA.

Type of Habitat? RESIDENTIAL YARD; LARGE TREES, VARIETY OF SHRUBS

When? date(s): MAY 8, 1991 time: 7:30 am to 10 a.m. ^{OFF ADDON}

Who? your name and address: JEAN BORDNER BRALEY (MRS F.M.)

Others with you: F.M. BRALEY

Others before or after you: _____

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

FAIRLY LARGE WREN (ABOUT 5 INCHES); BREAST CLEAR, WITH ~~IT'S~~ LONG BARRED TAIL, SOME WHITE SHOWING; LONG, QUITE NARROW WHITE STRIPE OVER EYE; WARM-BROWN BACK + CAP; TAIL FLICKED SIDE TO SIDE; NO SONG WHEN FIRST SEEN, LATER SANG AS IT SAT IN DWARF CHERRY TREE NEAR WHERE I WAS SETTING OUT PLANTS, COMING WITHIN 6-10 FEET.

Similar species; how eliminated:

CAROLINA WREN: I OBSERVED ^{the} BIRD WAS WHITE ON BREAST + THROAT; TAIL DIFFERENT; HAVE NOT HEARD CAROLINA SING THE WAY BEWICK'S DID; TAIL FLICKING/SWITCHING SIDEWAYS NOT NOTICED IN CAROLINA.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No
If yes, explain:

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

EXCELLENT VIEWING FROM 56 TO 51 FEET FROM KITCHEN BAY WINDOW
7:30 AM FIRST SIGHTING AS BIRD IN BITTERSWEET VINE ON SIDE OF GARAGE; THEN IN BIRD BATH VIEWED FROM PATIO; LOOKING NORTH WITH
Previous experience with species and similar ones: FAMILIAR WITH BEWICK'S WREN IN ARIZONA PAUSCH + HOMB 8X42 ELITE BINOCULARS
WHERE WE LIVE 6 MONTHS OF YEAR, CAROLINA WREN NESTS AT OUR CABIN NEAR SAW CREEK NW, MOUND CITY, MO.

References and persons consulted before writing description: FOR NOTES, NONE.
FOR FORM CHECKED FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS OF NA, NATL GEO, BIRDS OF NA, ROBBINS, ETC; TERRES ENCYCLOPEDIA TO VERIFY OBSERVATION
How long before field notes made? 15 MIN. this form completed? 5/20/91

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