

Documentation Form

Species: Immature Male Pine Grosbeak

No. 1

Location: Lamoni Iowa

Habitat: Small wooded lot, undergrowth and fallen trees

Date: Nov. 8, 1984

Time: 9:50 to 10:05

Observed by: Joseph Raymond Breshears

Others: Jeff Livingston - will also provide documentation

Others before or after: unknown

Similar species: Rust on head eliminated Evening Grosbeak

Arguments: none

Viewing conditions: slightly overcast, sun coming out at 9:57,
light behind me, 68 degrees fahrenheit

Optical equipment: Binoculars 7x50

Previous experience: Identification of species in Colorado

References consulted while observing: Roger Tory Peterson Field
Guide to Birds east of
the Rockies

After: Audubon Society master Guide to Birding

Persons consulted: none

Field notes made: On site

This Form: Same day

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Description

I heard an unusual song for that particular woodlot and found the bird 50 feet above the ground in the top branches of a deciduous tree. The light was in front of me and I saw a robin sized bird but more plump. It had a gray colored body, a large stout bill, dark wings with white bars. The bird then moved to a lower perch 20 feet above the ground. I observed it from 30 feet and later moved closer to 15 feet. The light was from behind me so the details were much easier to distinguish. I saw a gray body, black wings with white wing bars, a large black bill, rust on the head stopping at the neck and a grayish patch under the eye, rust colored upper tail coverts, black tail with a notch, and dark legs and feet. The bird was eating berries. The bird flew again and lit in the top of another tree and sang a finch-like song (cheep-eeep).