

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

could have been  
somewhat fewer  
How many? 60?

What species? Brewer's Blackbird

Location? North Shore Drive Clear Lake

Type of Habitat? Small wet area, some small trees - marsh

When? date(s): 9-16-99 time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Who? your name and address: Carolyn Fischer 48 Lakeview CT

Others with you: none

Others before or after you: none

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.

Small blackbirds, very black with purplish gloss on head + neck, eye yellow, all birds I was able to check before they all flew had yellow eyes - Did not see any dark eyes of females - tails were short and somewhat rounded at tip - Bill was short -

Similar species; how eliminated:

Rusty Blackbird - The birds were lacking rusty wings - And buffy eyebrow -

Common Grackle - lacking long-keel-shaped tail  
heavy bill -

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: Knew they were early, but couldn't make any

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

Good light at 25 FT. 8X30

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Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen Rusty Blackbirds many times, knew these  
References and persons consulted before writing description: birds were different

How long before field notes made? 9-16 this form completed? 12-27-99

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other field identification -

What species? Brewer's Blackbird  
Location: North Shore Drive Clear Lake  
Type of Habitat: Small wet area, some small trees - marsh  
When, date: 7-16-99  
What your name and address: Carolyn Fischer 44 Robinson CT  
Others with you: None  
Others before or after you: None

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

Small blackbirds. Very black with darkish gloss on head + neck. eye yellow, see birds of war able to check before they all flew led by yellow eyes - Did not see any dark eyes of females - tails were short and somewhat rounded at tip - bill was short -

Similar species, how eliminated:

Rusty blackbird - The birds were lacking rusty wings - and buff eye brow -  
Common Nighthawk - tail shape & tail

The only one disagree of those reservations about the identification. I see neither. Known they were early, but couldn't make any viewing conditions (eye lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment).

Good light at 22 ft. 8 x 30

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen Rusty blackbirds many times, know their patterns and patterns counted before writing description. Birds were different

How long before field notes made: 12-30-99

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