

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? LARK BUNTING How many? ①

Location? 5 mi e, 1 mi s, Jct 10 & 12 IN HAWARDEN, SIOUX CO, IOWA

Type of habitat? FARMLAND

When? date(s): MAY 24, 1984 time: 10⁰⁸ AM to _____

Who? your name and address: ROSS SILCOCK

others with you: TOM KENT

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

MALE ON FENCE WIRE: ALL BLACK, SPARROW-SIZED BIRD WITH OBVIOUS WHITE PATCHES ON WINGS. NO OTHER MARKINGS SEEN. NO OTHER WHITE AREAS.

FLEW AFTER ABOUT 5 SEC AND COULD NOT BE FOUND AGAIN.

WHITE PATCHES IN WINGS OBVIOUS IN FLIGHT.

Similar species and how eliminated:

BOBOLINK - NO WHITE ON HEAD OR BACK. SMALL BIRD.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
LIGHT GOOD: NO REFLECTIONS.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: SEEN IN COLORADO & NEBRASKA.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY this form completed? 1 DAY.

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