

Species: Brewer's Blackbird, Euphagus cyanocephalus

Date: 23 April 1992, late afternoon

Location: near Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co., Iowa

Other Obs: none

Description: Eleven males in muddy cow pasture walking among many Common Grackles (Quiscalus quiscula). Compared to grackles, these birds were smaller overall with short bill, round head, short neck, chunky body, and short flat tail (no trace of keel shape). Plumage entirely glossy black with hint of greenish iridescence. Eyes appeared white.

Conditions: Heavy overcast, light drizzle. Studied from 50 meters for roughly 20 minutes with Zeiss 10x40 and Selsi zoom 10x-30x60 (over) binoculars.

Similar Species: Comparison made to Comm. Grackle above. Unlikely habitat and date for Rusty Blackbird (Euphagus carolinus).

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