

CBC NAME: _____ COMPILER: _____ CBC DATE 12-20-86OBSERVER WRITING THIS ACCOUNT & DATE: ALDRICH ZOBAC 12-20-86Date of observation: 12-20-86 Time: 3:15 to 4 pm Weather: Temp in 30's
Cloudy Sky Cover: CloudsDuration of observation: 45 minutes Bird/Sun Orientation: Sun behind cloudsExact Location: Section 8, Clinton Township, Farm on Young Rd. in S. part of Section 8 Habitat: Farmyard + corn fields adjacent to farm. Large grove of evergreens. Grove of trees.Observers & Optical Equipment: Aldrich + Gladys Zbac7/50 + 10/50 binoculars

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SPECIES: Brewers Blackbirds NUMBER, AGE, SEX: 35 - males & femalesDistance from bird(s): 30 feet from best bird Relative size of bird: Smaller than grackle
Slightly larger than Cowbird

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line etc.):

Male - purplish on entire head. Greenish iridescence on body
Female - brownish grey or greyish brown

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color etc.):

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES: long pointed LEGS & FEET: dark

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts etc.):

nape - dark. upper parts - dark with purplish at head.
Body - greenish.

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum etc.):

dark at distance. Greenish reflections closer.

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers; color pattern; shape etc.):

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges etc.)

no bars, no trailing edgesVOCALIZATION: Huge flock of birds (starlings, sparrows) very noisy.
Didn't distinguish sounds.BEHAVIOR: Birds were feeding with house sparrows & starlings
in grove of trees & short ways up the road.ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Birds were feeding & flying around with
huge flock of starlings & sparrows (house sparrows).
At first glance - when birds were first sighted - thought
we were spotting a Cowbird. Birds looked all black at
distance.
Lots of evergreens around.