

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Grosbeak How many? 1 ♀Location? Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines, Polk Co.Type of habitat? in coniferous and deciduous treesWhen? date(s): 17 Feb. 1985, 24 Feb 1985 time: 3:45 PM to 5:00 PMWho? your name and address: Steve Dinsmore 4024 Arkansas Dr. Ames IA 50010others with you: Gordon Brown, Amos By MPothers before or after you: Beth + Mark Proescholdt, Eugene Armstrong, m.p.b.

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.

Medium-sized bird. All gray in color except for a yellowish wash on the crown, faint white wing-bars and a yellowish wash on the rump.

Tail was rather long and narrow

Bill - thick and short - dark color -

The bird was about the size of a robin, perhaps slightly smaller.

Similar species and how eliminated: Other finches by lack of large size contrasting with all gray color, ~~and~~ yellow on crown and rump and faint white wing bars.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain: _____

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Lighting was good with sun behind us. Estimated viewing distance 20-50 feet. Used Nikon Bx23 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: ~~None~~ Saw 1 in Ames in 1980.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NGS Field Guide to Birds of North America
How long before field notes made? 3 days this form completed? 3 days

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