

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Blue Grosbeak How many? 1 ♀Location? Just N. of Croton Unit Shrine S.F., Lee Co., IAType of habitat? Along Fence line at edge of pasture adjacent to gravel road.When? date(s): 7 June 1987 time: 9:37 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.Who? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 336 Fairfield St., Waterloo, IA 50703others with you: Bob Ceail, Keokuk; Chuck Fuller, Burlingtonothers before or after you: DO NOT KNOW

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.

Overall light brown, heavy billed finch type species. Bill size and shape heavy for size of bird, brownish color. Size was noticeably larger than Indigo Bunting. Black eye. Dark brown wing and tail. This bird showed a wide faded chestnut wing bar and a second wing bar that was more of a light tan feather edging. No voice was heard.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No.

If yes, explain:

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

Sunny, excellent viewing conditions from about 50 feet to 75 feet using 10 x 40 binoculars.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen many of this species in S.W. Iowa, Extremely familiar with Indigo BuntingReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 2 Hours. this form completed? 2 days

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