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DOCUMENTATION FORM

Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species GREAT TAILED GRACKLE

Location CRAWFORD CREEK RECREATIONAL AREA ICCB

Habitat OPEN PARK LAND, LAKE WITH CAT TAILS


Date(s) 5/2/92 Time 9:27 to 9:29

Name and Address 401 TAYLOR IDA GROVE IA 51445

Other observers NONE

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 behavior and voice.

Ass iridescent, estimated 35 inches longer than ~~the~~ Common Grackle nearby, behavior - bird was exclusively on the horizontal plain

rather than typical 
Common Grackle posture.

Similar species and how eliminated: COMMON GRACKLE, NOT AS LONG, MORE IRIDESCENT, COMMON GRACKLE WITH IN 20 FT.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: BRIGHT LIGHT OVER MY RIGHT SHOULDER APPROX. 25 FT

Previous experience with species and similar ones: NONE

References and persons consulted before writing description: made notes then consulted Golden and Plesner field guides.

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY. How long before this form completed? 5 days