

What species? Blue Grosbeak How many? 1Location? Hickory Hill Park - Iowa City, IowaType of habitat? Creek bottom understory at edge of meadowWhen? date(s): 5-9-85 time: 7:30 AM to 7:35 AMWho? your name and address: Calvin A. Knight 425 Lee St., Iowa Cityothers with you: noothers before or after you: 7-

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.

Spotted in the green foliage of an Ash tree - up 15' + 25' away - with back towards me. I was immediately excited because of the deep blue color and the tawny edges of the secondaries, making me think Blue Grosbeak. Then the bird turned sideways revealing the two rusty brown wing bars, (the first wider & deeper color than the second) the blue underparts and the thick bill of the grosbeak.

The bird was silent!

Similar species and how eliminated: Indigo Bunting: The Blue Grosbeak was stockier, deeper blue with 2 rusty tan wing bars and thicker bill than the finch like bill of the Indigo

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Early morning sun, but in shade 29' 10-40x Binocs

Previous experience with species and similar ones: See each year in Fremont Co., Ia. also in Nebraska, Texas & Arizona

References and persons consulted before writing description:
See the Indigo Bunting regularly all summerHow long before field notes made? 12 hrs this form completed? 5-9-85

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