

1. Species Pine Grosbeak 2. Number: 1
 3. Location Backyard - 1408 Coolidge, Ames, Iowa
 4. Date: December 23, 1980 5. Time Bird seen: About 9:30 AM to several minutes

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Big bird - grosbeak shape, red very visible, black wing, thick beak.

7. Description of voice, if heard: _____

8. Description of behavior: Tried to feed on crab apple s

9. Habitat - general: feed box and crab apple tree
 specific: Perched on box for short time, did not eat - then flew to crab apple -

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

Pine Grosbeak was too large for this species
Purple finch - wrong beak -
Cross bills - wrong beak -

11. Distance (how measured)? 35 feet - (walked it.) 12. Optical equipment: 7X35 2 pairs - binocular

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Cloudy - bright -

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Saw one earlier in December, few blocks away. Verified by others
Had a very long, good look at this one

15. Other observers: George Ladd, Brian Ladd

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes -

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Birds of No. America -

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 3 weeks
Date was definitely verified by several circumstances, family &

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