

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

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What species? EASTERN MEADOWLARK How many? 1

Location? 3 MI S. OF GLENWOOD MILES CO.

Type of Habitat? plowed field bordered by grassland

When? date(s): 12-15-90 time: 9:05 to 9:10

Who? your name and address: DOUG ROSE 108 HILLCREST AVE

Others with you: LENNY + HOWARD CURRY

Others before or after you: ✓

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

I OBSERVED A MEADOWLARK SITTING ON A FENCE POST. IT HAD A SOLID GRAY CHEEK, YELLOW ONLY BELOW BASE OF LOWER MANDIBLE. IT CONSTANTLY ~~FLETTED~~ ^{FANNED} ITS TAIL IN SHORT BURSTS. THE OUTER TAIL FEATHERS WERE PURE WHITE AND CONTRASTED WITH THE DARK ALMOST BLACK CENTRAL TAIL FEATHERS. WHEN IT FLEW INTO THE ~~FIELD~~ THE TAIL APPEARED BLACK AND WHITE. AND OF COURSE THE BIRD DID NOT MAKE A SOUND!

Similar species; how eliminated: W. MEADOWLARK - PURE WHITE OUTER TAIL FEATHERS AND YELLOW ONLY ON THROAT

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. CLOUDY LOOKING DUE EAST 25' EST. BUSHNELL SPORTVIEW 10X50

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I HAVE BEEN OBSERVING MEADOWLARKE CLOSELY THE PAST SUMMER AND HAVE BEEN PRETTY ACCURATE AT I.D.ING THEM AND THEN HEARING THEM.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

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How long before field notes made? — this form completed? 5 HRS

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