

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

Kurtz Feb 1981
Accepted by
FRS

- ✓ 1. Species Pine Grosbeak 2. Number 1
3. Location S.W. State Center, Marshall Co. Iowa (Jim Maish Residence)
4. Date: Feb 1 & Feb 2 5. Time Bird Seen: Noon Feb 1 to Feb 2 - 2pm
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):

Photos were taken and can be sent in later.

Cardinal sized bird with an overall dark reddish plumage, and brown wings with white wing bars

7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT heard
8. Description of behavior: Feeding on cracked corn
9. Habitat - general: Feeding on ground with other birds
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
White winged crossbills & purple finches. Bird was too large
11. Distance (how measured)? 12' - 15' 12. Optical equipment: Binooculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Sunny intermittently, & backlite
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
None not seen before
15. Other observers:
Jim & Dorothy Maish
16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Jim & Dorothy Maish
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
No.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

Signature: Carl Kurtz Address: RFD #1

Date: 9 Feb 81 City, State: St. Anthony, IA