

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

Species Pine grosbeak 2. Number: 4

Location Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City

Date: Jan 13, 1978 5. Time Bird seen: 7:40 Am to 8:00 Am

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):

Large grosbeak, several white wing bars, yellow tan on rump and tip of head. Two all gray underneath, two with slight ^{patchy} yellow on breast - these two also had yellow below eye with gray patch under eye extending anteriorly. Long forked tails.

Description of voice, if heard: mostly silent. Some twittering as they were about to move or were flying. One grosbeak like series heard. One twitter somewhat like yellow-bills.

Description of behavior: Very tame. Feeding on tips of pine branches.
Habitat - general: mixed open and tree edge with small stand of pine trees
specific:

Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
none

Distance (how measured)? 12. Optical equipment:

10 feet about. binocs (est) 25-30ft with 8X40 B lens toward
Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Seen once in Colorado
Other observers: might get his name (? Tom Staudt) Tom Staudt
Did the others agree with your identification?

yes
Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Rich DeCoster (1/12)
Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Robbins

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 50 min

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