

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Grosbeak How many? 1 ♀

Location? Cedar Hills Sand Prairie (NW of Cedar Falls) Black Hawk Co, IA

Type of Habitat? Red Cedar Grove

When? date(s): 17 December 1989 time: 10:35 am to 10:45 a.m.

Who? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 336 Fairfield St., Waterloo, IA 50703

Others with you: None

Others before or after you: None

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.

This bird was feeding on the juniper berries on the trees in the grove. It was an overall drab gray color with the top of its head being a pale yellow color. The rump was also a pale yellow color the same color as the top of the head. The wings, tail, eye, legs and bill were all black. There were two white wing bars on each wing that were fairly prominent. The lores were a pale gray to whitish color. The throat area was also paler in color (whitish) than the rest of the gray body. The yellow on the head was only on top of the head, not on the nape, mantle, cheek or auricular areas. This bird ~~was~~ appeared to be slightly smaller than a Am. Robin.

Similar species; how eliminated:

No other species has this color combination that I know of.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? N/A

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

Very good viewing conditions; seen from approx. 20 feet at closest using 10x40 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen several Pine Grosbeak's.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

None

How long before field notes made? 15 min. this form completed? 9 hrs

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).