

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Brewer's Blackbird's How many? 8

Location? Wheelerwood Drive, north + west of mason city,
1 mile before intersection with Kildeer ave

Type of Habitat? River + trees on one side - farm land on other side

When? date(s): Oct 13-'98 time: 9:30 AM

Who? your name and address: Rita Goranson
115 Lakeview Dr.

Others with you: Mason City, IA 50401

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.

In a tree making ~~squawk~~^{squawk} noises - smaller than a grackle - I thought at first red wings but then saw the iridescent ^{color} with my binocs + pale eyes. Went to scope them + they flew. Two females were plain brown - not streaked as red wg females are.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Had been seeing grackles - a larger bird - larger tail.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? _____

If yes, explain:

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

8x36 Nikon's

sunny

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen most years in the same area

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Curt Nelson had seen some about the same time.

How long before field notes made? 5 min this form completed? 3 mon.

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