

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Eastern Meadowlark How many? 1

Location? Road just west of McCausland, Iowa.

Type of Habitat? Pasture with livestock and livestock feeders.

When? date(s): Dec. 22, 1988 time: 2:54 to 2:57

Who? your name and address: Brian Blevins, 2003 E. 12th Street, Davenport, Ia.

Others with you: Ann Barker

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.

We observed a Meadowlark species sitting on a wood fencepost. The bird gave a 4-note descending song distinctive of Eastern races song.

Similar species; how eliminated: Western meadowlark - eliminated by song.

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Dark, raining - 50 yds. estimated - x35 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Common in Spring, Summer.

References and persons consulted before writing description: _____

How long before field notes made? 5 min this form completed? same day.

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