

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? House Finch How many? 4

Location? 2003 E 12th St. Davenport IA 52803

Type of Habitat? City yard

When? date(s): Dec 21, 1986 time: 9:30 to 9:32  
present through December

Who? your name and address: Scharlott Blevis - above address (info given by phone to Petr Petersen)

Others with you: no one that day

Others before <sup>and</sup> or after you: Lewis, Brian & Corey Blevis

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.

One male and three female imm. birds seen. Male had red-orange head, throat, chest & rump, gray-brown streaked on other areas. Females/imm entirely gray-brown streaked, very heavy below. Slightly smaller than Purple Finches, larger than Am. Gold Finches

Similar species; how eliminated: Purple Finch - ♂ a more orange-red, not cranberry, red more restricted to head, breast & rump. ♀/imm, no heavy dark mark by bill, finer streaking but more streaks below.

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. Feeder 7' from window (measured), no binoculars needed

Previous experience with species and similar ones: seen daily at feeder for 2 months & last winter, mob.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? — this form completed? 10 hrs.

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