

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

CBC name Muscatine, Crow CBC date 12-28-80 Compiler Peter Petersen

Observer writing this account and date Clark Scott 12-29-80

SPECIES Northern Shrike NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1, -, -

Distance from bird(s) 20-30 ft. Relative size of bird RRobin size

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)  
Large head, pale grey crown and nape, black mask from mandible (upper)  
running to the eye, separated from crown by a white line

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) white area  
running from upper bill passing over eye, eye dark

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES upper mandible distinctly hooked

LEGS & FEET not noticed

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) nape &  
back pale grey, scapulars whitish

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) throat  
whitish, what little of belly & sides seen looked  
whitish

RETRICES (Describe inner, middle, outertail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)  
outer tail feathers had white edging with inner area  
black

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) dark short wings with white areas near  
base of primaries

VOCALIZATION none

BEHAVIOR It was perched on a small tree, flew to a utility  
wire, perched for about a minute (with its back  
toward us) then quickly descended & flew away low.

Date of observation 12-28 Time 11:30 AM Weather overcast Sky cover     

Duration of observation 1 1/2 minutes Bird - Sun orientation cloudy

Exact location Near Fourth Street Aurora Twp., Rock Island Co., Ill.

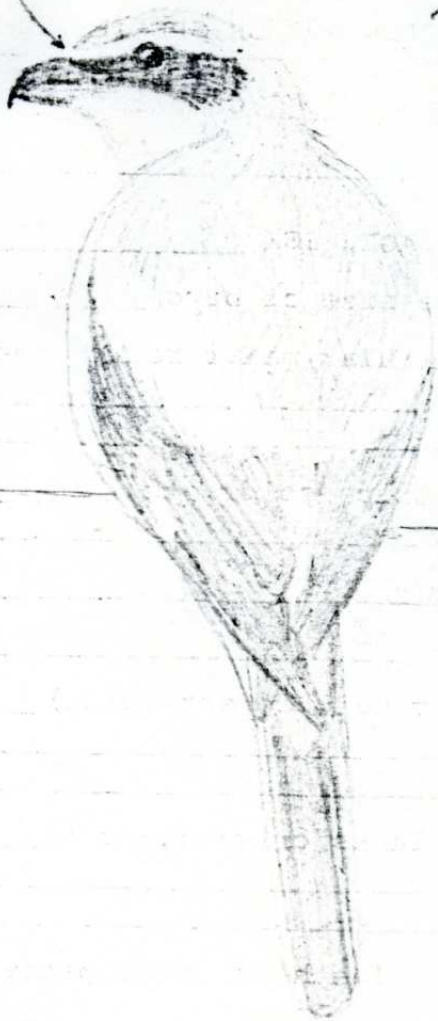
Habitat open field border with nearby woods Other observers Larry & Judy Jander

Kelly McKay Optical equipment Binoculars 8x40

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS We tried to see the undersides of the bird  
but the light and the fact that he kept his back  
toward us prevented our notice.

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE AN EXCELLENT FURTHER DOCUMENTATION

DISTINCT WHITE



This is approximately what we saw.