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Dear Sir :

I am writing this note to you for your field reports section of Iowa Bird Life. I have been a state IOU member for less than a year but have birded since I was a teenager, and this sighting was particularly exciting for me.

My first sighting of a Northern Shrike was in a farm grove six miles south of Clear Lake in Carro Gordo County on Nov. 19. Although I didn't have my binoculars along, the bird was observed by myself and my brother-in-law several times both perched and in flight. Especially noticeable were the black wings and mask, hooked bill and horizontal tail when perched, the flight was easily in the category of "undulating". I realize that the loggerhead could fit the description, but the location and size of the bird led me to identify it as a Northern.

Perhaps you don't require this much detail in a field report and I apologize if the letter is a bit long for a single sighting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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