

Yellow Rail

October 4, 1993

NW 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 9, T100N, R30W, Kossuth County

The rail was standing inside a short section of concrete culvert lying in a moist soils area predominantly vegetated with Reeds Canary Grass on the Goose Lake Wildlife Area between Goose Lake and Burt Lake.. I observed the rail from a distance of about three feet.

Yellow Rail

October 22, 1993

NW 1/4, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 21, T70N, R43W, Fremont County

The rail ran across a path cut through arrowhead and sedges on the southwest corner of Forney Lake. The water was about 20 inches deep. I observed the rail from a distance of about ten feet.

The size and yellowish tan color of each rail was obvious. My labrador had previously caught a yellow rail at the Big Marsh Wildlife Area during the late 1970's (reported in Iowa Bird Life and supported with a picture). There was absolutely no doubt with either sighting.

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