

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species: Number: (leave blank)
Location: Date: Time:
Bird Seen: To: Age/Sex:

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

50 birds seen- both female and males.

9 " long Blackbird with purple gloss on head and neck and yellow eyes much smaller than the Common Grackle. Female seen with dark eye and drab gray brown

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

See above.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

Not heard.

Description of behavior:

Feeding in farmland mud by cows.

Habitat: (General and Specific)

farmland

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

seen 25 feet away with 10 x 42 Svarovski binoculars and Kowa scope .

Previous experience with this species:

seen several out west.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

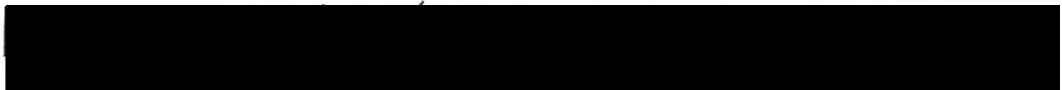
Plumage and size different from Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle and Cowbird.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Michael Griffith

Additional observer signature:



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Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

Sibley's and National Geographic.

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

7 years as it was placed on the review list.

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