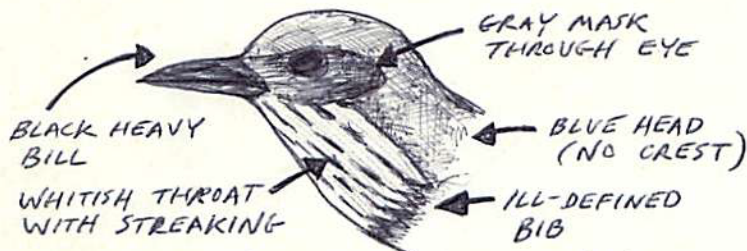


BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species SCRUB JAY 2. Number of birds: ONE (AD.)
 3. Location ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK County: LAKE
 4. Date: OCTOBER 1, 1984 5. Time bird seen: SEVERAL TIMES BETWEEN 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
 6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field): INTERIOR RACE (PALER PLUMAGE)



BACK - BROWN
 WINGS & TAIL - BLUE
 BELLY - DIRTY WHITE

7. Description of voice, if heard: NONE
 8. Description of behavior: VERY SHY BIRD, FORAGING + CARRYING FOOD (FLOPPY⁶ FIGHT PATTERN)
 9. Habitat - general: LAKE MICHIGAN BEACHFRONT
 specific: LAKEFRONT PINES AND SCRUB OAK PRAIRIE
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
BLUE JAY HAS WHITE + BLACK ON WINGS AND TAIL AND HAS CREST.
THE DIAGNOSTIC BROWNISH BACK PATCH AND STREAKED THROAT WITH BIB CLEARLY SEPARATE THIS BIRD FROM OTHER SOUTHWESTERN/WESTERN JAYS (STELLAR'S, PINYON, GRAY-BREASTED),
 11. Distance (how measured)? CLOSEST: 30-40 YARDS (VISUAL ESTIMATE) 12. Optical equipment: 7X50 BINOCULARS, 15X-45X SCOPE
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): LIGHT USUALLY TO SIDE OR BEHIND OBSERVERS, BRIGHT & SUNNY DAY
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH SOUTHWESTERN/WESTERN JAYS.
 15. Other observers: JERRY OLSON, JERRY ROSENBAUD
 16. Did the others agree with your identification? YES
 17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: UNKNOWN - CHICAGO RARE BIRD ALERT
 18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: NAT'L. GEO. SOCIETY'S - A FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA
CONFIRMED SIGHTING
 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? SEVERAL HOURS LATER THAT NIGHT

Joe B. Milosevich, JOE B. MILOSEVICH
 Signature

Date: 10/1/84