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1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	Black Rail
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	Adult
5) Date:	2010-05-10
6) Location (include county):	Worship Trail, Cook
7) Observers:	Vince Moxon
8) Your name:	Vince Moxon
Street Address	██████████
Street Address Line 2	
City	██████████
State / Province / Region	█
Postal / Zip Code	██████████
Country	██████████
10) Your e-mail address:	██████████
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	None
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	None
13) Description of bird (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, wings, undertail, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts: bill, legs, and feet) include only details actually seen in the field :	Tiny black colored rail. It moved so fast that it appeared all black although I know that it has white speckles and a rufous neck.
14) Description of behavior:	Ran across the trail from North to South and disappeared into the vegetation.
15) Description of vocalizations:	None
16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	Lake on South side of trail and marsh on the North side.
17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	8 power; have since given that pair to my daughter and don't remember the brand.
18) Distance/how measured?	50-75 ft/estimate
19) Time of observation:	05:30 pm
20) Total time of observation:	seconds

21) Weather conditions:	clear and sunny.
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	When I was in my 20s I saw one at Jarvis and had extended looks. There used to be a swing set at the NW corner of the sanctuary close to the fence and this bird was wandering around on the bare ground. It eventually went through the fence and into the marshy area. I took a friend there the next morning and briefly saw it again.
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	I felt it was too early for juvenile rails of other species like Virginia Rail or Sora.
24) Were photos obtained?	No
25) If so, by whom?	None obtained
26) Books and illustrations consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	None
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	No notes taken.
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	7 years
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	Last summer Matt Cvetas contacted me and encouraged me to complete this form even though it had been a long time since I saw it.