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Loggerhead SHRIKE (IMMATURE)

DATE; NOV. 4, 1990

WHERE; LAKE DONEGAL, WESTMORELAND CO.

WEATHER; SUNNY TO PARTLY CLOUDY, HIGH TEMP 60°F

OBSERVERS; PHILLIS FLASHER, DOROTHY FERGESON,
MARY SHIRLAND, WALTER SHOFFER, CINDY COOK,
JUDY KOCH, DON KOCH

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT; CELESTRON SCOPE SET ON
45X, BAUSCH & LOMB, DISCOVERER 15-60X, VARIOUS
BINOCULARS MAKES

APP. 9:30 AM

THE Loggerhead SHRIKE WAS FIRST SEEN
PERCHING NEAR THE TOP OF A HAWTHORN, APP. 15 FT
FROM THE GROUND. IT WAS OBSERVED AT A
DISTANCE OF APP. 50 YDS., WITH TWO SPOTTING
SCOPES & BINOCULARS. ON THIS OCCASION WE

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HAD APP. 15 MINS. OF STUDY TIME. (THIS BIRD WAS STUDIED TWICE ON THIS MORNING)

INTERESTINGLY, A MOCKINGBIRD JOINED THE SHRIKE IN THE SAME TREE. IT GAVE US A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO DIRECTLY COMPARE THESE SIMILAR SPECIES. (PLEASE SEE DESCRIPTION THAT FOLLOWS)

THE MOCKER KEPT A CLOSE VIGIL ON THE SHRIKE, AT TIMES CLOSING TO APP. 3 FEET. IT DIDN'T SHOW EXTREME AGITATION TOWARDS THE SHRIKE, RATHER IT SEEMED TO BE CURIOUS OR PERHAPS ONLY MILDLY CONCERNED AT THE LOGGERHEAD'S PRESENCE.

THIS FIRST SIGHTING ENDED ABRUPTLY, WHEN THE MOCKER EXITED THE HAWTHORN WITH THE SHRIKE IN ^{PURSUIT} ~~CHASE~~. THE CHASE ENDED AFTER APP. 100-125 YDS, WHEN THE MOCKER DROVE INTO THE DENSE COVER OF A MUTIFLORA ROSE CLUMP. WE COULDN'T TELL WHETHER THE SHRIKE FOLLOWED THE MOCKINGBIRD INTO THE COVER OR NOT FROM OUR ANGLE. WE SEARCHED FRUITLESSLY FOR

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APP 20 MINS. BUT FAILED TO TURN UP EITHER BIRD. WE CONTINUED BIRDING THEN, MOVING TOWARDS THE SOUTH END OF THE LAKE

APP 11:15 - 11:30 A.M

UPON RETURNING TO THE AREA, where we ORIGINALLY SAW THE SHRIKE. WE FOUND HIM RETURNED TO THE VERY SAME TREE! THIS TIME WE MOVED TO WITHIN 25-30 YD OF THE Loggerhead. THIS SECOND SIGHTING WAS APP. 20-30 IN DURATION.

THIS TIME WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH THE SHRIKE HUNT, HE DROVE SEVERAL TIMES FROM HIS PERCH, IN THE HAWTHORN, TO THE SURROUNDING Golden Rod. ON TWO OCCASIONS WE WATCHED AS HE ATE, WHAT ~~IT~~ APPEARED TO BE LARGE GRASSHOPPERS. THE Loggerhead ~~seemed~~ ^{seemed} REMARKABLY TAME, EVEN SINGING FOR US (PLEASE see description THAT FOLLOWS) ~~THIS~~ ^{THIS} SIGHTING TERMINATED WHEN THE Loggerhead FLEW AWAY, TOWARD THE NORTH END OF THE LAKE. IN LEAVING, he dipped low over THE Golden Rod, BUT INTERVENING

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BRUSH PREVENTED US FROM SEEING THE END OF THE FLIGHT. WE FOLLOWED, BUT FURTHER SEARCHING FAILED TO FIND THE SHRIKE.

LOCATION; THE Loggerhead WAS OBSERVED FROM THE PA. FISH COMMISSION'S AUXILIARY PARKING LOT, ABOUT 1/2 WAY ALONG THE WESTERN SHORE OF LAKE DONEGAL. IN A FIELD GROWN MOSTLY TO GOLDEN ROD WITH A FEW FENCE ROWS & WIDELY SCATTERED CLUMPS OF HAWTHORNS & ~~OTHER~~ ^{OTHER} SHRUBS. ON THE NORTH EDGE OF THE PARKING LOT.

DESCRIPTION; FROM DIRECT COMPARISON TO THE MOCKINGBIRD;

THE Loggerhead WAS SLIGHTLY SMALLER ~~AND~~ BUT HE WAS MORE ROBUST, WITH A LARGER HEAD AND MORE BODY THICKNESS. THE BLACK OF THE SHRIKE'S WINGS & TAIL WAS RICHER, (IT'S) WHITE WING PATCHES WERE BRIGHTER IN COMPARISON, POSSIBLY DUE TO GREATER CONTRAST. (IT'S) WING BEATS APPEARED FASTER, WITH A DEEPER STROKE, THAN THE MOCKERS.

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Logger head SHRIKE

AS OBSERVED NOV. 4. 1990 DONEGAL LAKE.

BILL; ALL BLACK, FAIRLY THICK, SMALL HOOK

HEAD; MEDIUM GRAY CROWN & NAPE, BLACK MASK A LITTLE WIDER THAN EYE, NO APPARENT WHITE STRIPE OVER MASK. ONLY FEW BLACK FEATHERS OVER BILL, THE MASK WAS NOT CONTINUOUS ACROSS BILL

THROAT & CHEEK; VERY LT. GREY ALMOST WHITE

BACK; SAME SHADE AS CROWN & NAPE SHADING TO A SLIGHTLY LIGHTER GRAY ON RUMP.

BREAST & BELLY; LIGHTER GRAY THAN BACK WITH BARELY DISCERNIBLE, VERY THIN, HORIZONTAL STREAKS OF A DARKER SHADE OF GREY

WINGS; BLACK WITH WHITE WING PATCH AT BASE OF PRIMARIES, IT HAD NO DISCERNIBLE WING BARS WHICH SHOWED UP WELL ON THE MOCKINGBIRD'S WING.

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TAIL; BLACK, BUT NOT AS DARK AS WING,
FEATHERS LOOKED WORN, WITH OFF WHITE OUTER
RECTRICES. LEFT SIDE SEEMED TO HAVE MORE
WHITE THAN RIGHT SIDE?

Legs - DARK

SONG; LOW IN VOLUME & SOME WHAT
VENTRILLOQUAL, SO AT FIRST IT ~~SEEMED~~ ^{SEEMED} THE SONG
WAS COMING FROM BEHIND THE SHRIKE, UNTILL WE
SAW HIS THROAT VIBRATE. ~~THE~~ ^{THEN} SONG & SINGER
CAME TOGETHER. THE SONG CONSISTED OF
WARBLES INTERSPERSED WITH A FEW, HARSH,
ALMOST CHAT-LIKE NOTES. IT BROUGHT TO MIND
A MOCKINGBIRD SONG, WITHOUT REPEATED PHRASES

Bill, ALL BLACK, SMALL HOOK,
FAIRLY THICK

IMM. Loggerhead
SHRIKE

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BREAST; Lighter Grey
THAN BACK, WITH

THROAT
VERY

LT Grey

HAIRLY
DISCERNIBLE

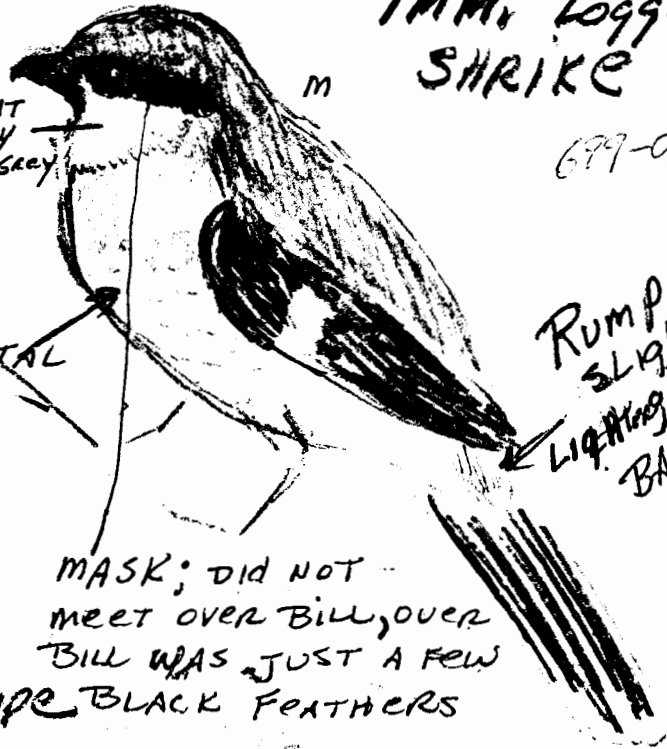
DARKER GREY HORIZONTAL
STREAKING

DONEGAN LAKE

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AS VIEWED THROUGH
45X CELESTRON SCOPE

MASK; DID NOT
MEET OVER BILL, OVER
BILL WAS JUST A FEW
BLACK FEATHERS

RUMP
SLIGHTLY
LIGHTER GREY THAN
BACK



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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Loggerhead Shrike**

Date of Sighting: **4 November 1990 to 4 November 1990**

Observer(s): **Phillis Flasher, Dorothy Fergeson, et al.**

Date of Submission: **1992 Westmar Island**

Submitted by: **Robert Leberman**

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F. Haas							X N. Shrike
R. Ickes			X				
G. McWilliams							X
S. Santner							X N. Shrike
J. Skinner			X				
TOTALS			3				4
DECISION							X

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary):

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Date:

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