

Notes

BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK IN JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA.—On June 1, 1977 I saw a male Black-headed Grosbeak in Klaus Park, Jamestown, North Dakota. It was in a low tree, about 8 feet above ground. I saw it at about 5:00 PM in good light, at a distance of about 20 feet, with 8 x 30 binoculars. I used Peterson's *Field Guide to Western Birds* to confirm the identification.

The body of the bird was dull orange on breast and rump. Its head was black, wings were black spotted with white, and tail was black with white feathers on the underside. The bill was large, thick, and greyish in color.

I have seen this bird in Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park and in the Black Hills of South Dakota, but not around Jamestown. It is a common breeding bird in North Dakota from the Missouri River west.—*Ruth Lender, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401.*

SUMMER RECORD OF RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH IN NORTH DAKOTA.—On June 4 and 6, 1977 I saw or heard an individual Red-breasted Nuthatch in Jamestown, North Dakota. Both observations were in elm trees in the James River valley below the Jamestown Dam.

The bird attracted my attention on June 4 with its call, which was more rapid and higher pitched than that of the White-breasted Nuthatch. When sighted, the bird was noted to be small, with blue-gray back, and a reddish cast to the breast. A dark line through the eye was separated from the cap by a white line.

The bird was seen in the morning under good light conditions with 8 x 30 field glasses. I have seen the bird often in Minnesota and during migration in North Dakota.

Because June is well past the usual migration period, the possibility that the bird was breeding is suggested. Stewart (*Breeding Birds of North Dakota*, Tri-College Center for Environmental Studies, Fargo, 1975) reported summer records only from Cass, Ramsey and Slope Counties. He lists the species as a rare, local, and irregular breeder in the state.—*Ruth Lender, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401.*