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Lat/long \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. 84012  
Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Least Bittern  
Scientific Name Ixobrychus exilis  
Obs. date 5/22/84 Time(s) Approx. 10:15-10:30 AM  
Duration of obs. 1st approx 3 min. 2nd 10-15 min  
Distance from bird 1st 30-40 yards 2nd 5-10 yards  
Light conditions excellent - clear sunny  
Optical equip. Bushnell 7x35 Binocs  
Photo equip. \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes made at time of sighting — Date report prepared 6/7/84  
Notes made later from memory ✓

Weather at time of this observation. Clear, warm, sunny  
Prior weather and number of days since change weather, warm, clear, sunny for at least 1 week prior to siting  
Locality J. B. Provo? Approx 2000 S. 700 E. Ironton Area See map below.

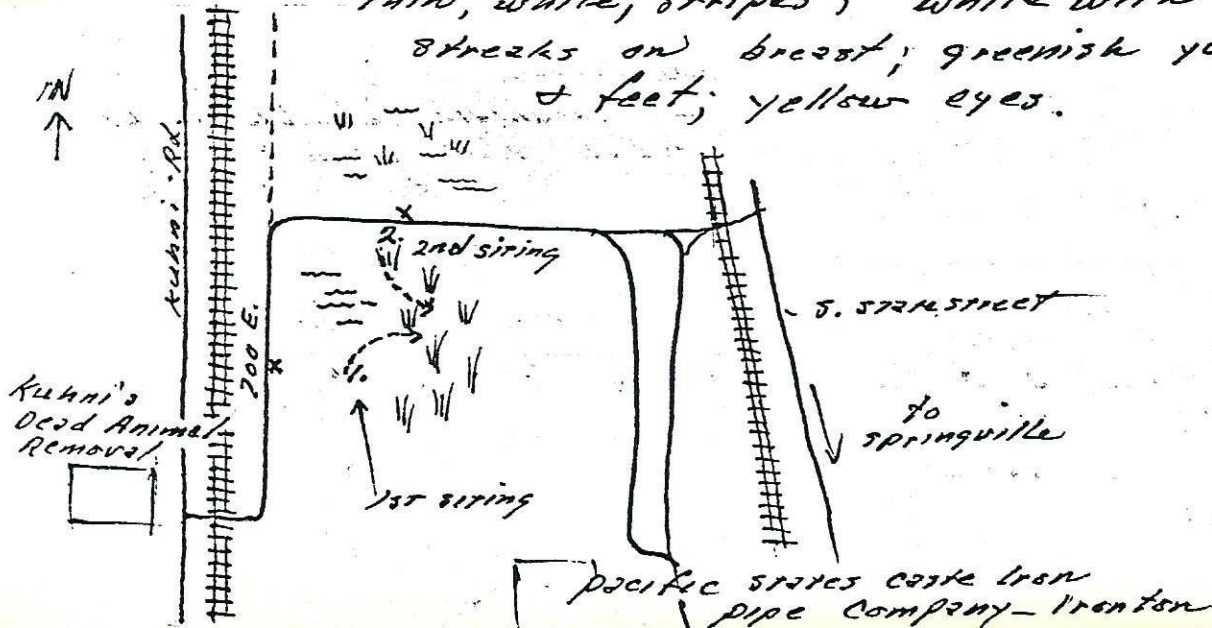
Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)		AGES(S)		PLUMAGE(S)			PHOTO(S)	
	Total number observed. <u>2</u>	Males <u>1</u>	Females _____	Adults _____	Juv/Imms _____	Breeding _____	Transition _____	Eclipse _____	Dark phase _____
	♀ or Imms _____	Unknowns <u>?</u>	2/3 yr birds _____	Unknowns _____	Winter _____	Light ph. _____	Other _____	Enclosed _____	

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

Approx. 12.13 inches long. - slender, thin body  
wingspan - 16 inches or more

#1. back of neck cinnamon; back of body dark with greenish tinge; beige wing patches in flight; greenish yellow legs & feet; yellowish bill.  
Ventral side light, almost white, with brownish, yellow streaks.

#2. top of head dark; back of neck cinnamon; dark greenish back with two longitudinal thin, white, stripes; white with brownish yellow streaks on breast; greenish yellow legs & feet; yellow eyes.





Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Similar to Green Heron - except for  
- upward position of bill in freeze position  
- had greenish yellow legs & feet  
- light on under side of  
- buff wing patches & white stripes on back

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

1. When first observed was standing on dried bulrushes with bill pointing upward. After a few minutes, flew a short distance (80 yards) and disappeared in bulrushes. (see map)
2. was standing on (grasping) a cattail. After being observed for at least 5 minutes, flew 20-30 yards into the cattails & disappeared (see map)

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Marsh near industrial & railroad activity  
Bulrushes & cattails - some open water (shallow)  
east of Otan Lake

Describe bird's song or sounds.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen the American Bittern a few times & a few Green Herons. This is the first time I've seen a Least Bittern

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.  
Approx. 19 A.P. Biology Stud

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