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SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

CBC name Brow CBC date Dec. 18 Compiler Merrill Webb
 Observer writing this account and date Merrill Webb - Dec. 19, 1982

SPECIES St.-tailed Cockle NUMBER, AGE, SEX (5) 1 male, 2 females & 2 young

Distance from bird(s) @ 30-70 yds Relative size of bird 14-18 inches long

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)

Male - Iridescent purplish-blue head No median line
Females - Dark brown head & crown - No median line

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) Both sexes had

yellow eyes; female had a light supercilium line which contrasted with darker head & cheek.

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES light colored in both sexes.

LEGS & FEET Dark

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)

male - Iridescent purplish-greenish-blue. upper tail black
Females - all brown.

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)

Male - Same as back.
Females - Same as back, lighter colored breast

RETRICES (Describe inner, middle, outertail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)

Darker in male (black); lighter brown in female
tail was long in male (traced behind in flight) female was

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) Male - Very dark black

Female Brown or dark tan

VOCALIZATION No calls heard.

BEHAVIOR Flew into tops of two different trees. Never
saw them on ground.

Date of observation Dec. 18 Time 4:15 P.M. Weather Cool Sky cover Clear

Duration of observation 4-5 min Bird - Sun orientation SUN. → Birds

Exact location No. of Mt. Lake State Park along shoreline of Mt. Lake W. of Br

Habitat Lake on West - Wet Pasture Other observers Daugherty & Gregorich
on East of Lake

Optical equipment 7X35's & 7X50's

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS This is the most far north in ut. This
bird has been observed. We seen it on 5 or 6 different
trips around the St. George area in S.W. Utah. Can't figure
out what they are doing this far north during this cold of a year.

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