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IOWA NATURAL AREAS INVENTORY

Field Survey Form

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IOWA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1. Species/Community: Long Eared Owl
2. Date: 11-22-82 Date last observed: 11-21-82
3. County: Clinton
4. Specific Location (Directions):
1½ miles South by Se of Lost Nation Iowa Sec 32 of Liberty Township T83N R1E
Clinton County. Have observed concentrations of the species in heavy Plum
thicket and adjacent Pine trees during the early winter months for the past
4 years.

5. General Habitat Description:

Gently rolling, low lying cropland and marsh complex. Area has extensive
30' tall Pine shelter belt plantings running throughout area on interior fence
lines. 320 acres tract of land near center of section is about half marshland
with remainder in row crops and old reverting hayland. Plum thicket is near marsh.

6. Additional Data (site quality, #of individuals, type of observation, etc.)

Have seen up to 8-10 birds flush from thicket at one time.

7. Owner(s): (if private, include notes about owner's awareness of record)

Dr. Frank Peckosh farm. Mr. Peckosh recently passed away and property is
owned by his wife. Acquisition proposal was turned in for state purchase through
the wildlife section on 11-16-82.

8. Source:

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9. Map: (use reverse side for sketch, if necessary)