

Feb. 12, 1977

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Dear Mr. Halmi:

I have a few more observations to report to you. Today while birding in the wooded areas five miles East of St. Lucas, and a mile West of Eldorado, I found a Cooper's Hawk.

The hawk was observed as it darted out of woodlands passing not more than twenty feet or more, in front of my nearly stationary auto. Its size was near that of a crow, the accipiter shaped wings, belly barred with red, and most important the long rounded tail with distinct markings were taken. The distance it flew while being observed was one to one hundred and twenty feet, light conditions were good, time of sighting 9.50 a.m.

I know you are very skeptical of most Cooper's Hawk reports but I can assure you this wasn't a Sharp-shinned.

In my field report I was very conservative with Shrike sightings in my area, there were many I didn't record and prefer to call them uncommon. Sincerely, Joe S.