

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Turkey Vulture How many? 2

Location? Calhoun Co., Sect. 32, Jackson Twp.

Type of Habitat? Open fields and over the road.

When? date(s): 12/16/89 time: 2:30 p.m.

Who? your name and address: Margaret Seeck, Lohrville, Iowa

Others with you: Bea Bliss & Eva Wiedemeyer

Others before or after you: 1/7/1990 Dr. Ron Harms & Judy Carlson

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Large black bird - two-tone underwings were very clearly visible - also noted up-tipped wings and flying pattern. All in the group are familiar with turkey vultures.

As verification that turkey vultures are in the area, on 1/7/90, Dr. Ron Harms and Judy Carlson were setting up mist nets at Grant City which is about four miles west of the original sighting when a turkey vulture flew directly over head.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

Viewing conditions excellent, sunny skies viewed with binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

All present were familiar with this bird.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? 1 hr. this form completed? 3 wks.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).