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DOCUMENTATION FORM

For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Turkey Vulture How many? 1

Location? Lock 15 - Rock Island, IL. Cisland, not city

Type of Habitat? Wooded Island along Mississippi

When? date(s): Dec. 20, 1992 time: 2:15 PM to 2:25 PM

Who? your name and address: Bob McIlwain 2220 St Charles Ct Bettendorf, IA

Others with you: 2 out of town birders who had a scope - didn't get names.

Others before or after you: ~~was~~ seen 2 mi. downstream on Dec. 27 by Brian, Lewis & Cory Blavin

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 raptor, a bit smaller than nearby Bald Eagles, Head unfeathered + pinkish skin seemed wrinkled, very small. Only observed perched.

Similar species; how eliminated: Black Vulture - head not pink.

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. Sun to one side. Skbing Bird about 200m away

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen previously in summer many times

References and persons consulted before writing description: Pete Petersen

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 3 days

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