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DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Turkey Vulture How many? 2

Location? near Toolesboro, IA

Type of habitat? Bottomland forest

When? date(s): Dec. 31, 1982 time: 10:30 to 10:33 AM

Who? your name and address: Ed Wiederrecht - Box 77, R.R. 1, Uopelb, IA

others with you: Beth Mast

others before or after you: _____

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

large, soaring raptors
wings formed slight V while soaring
Plumage black except for lower side of
primaries, grey and head - reddish & small sized.
Wings + tail long

Similar species and how eliminated: Buteo hawks (dark phases) - dark brown plumage, not black, head not small or reddish, no V to wings

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

if yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Clear, sun behind obs., about 150 yds.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: see these birds a least dook
s pitag + summer

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 8 hrs. this form completed? 32 hrs (phoned info to PCP)