

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Goshawk How many? 1 AdLocation? Hickory Hill Park, Iowa City, Johnson Co. IowaType of habitat? brushy field w scattered large trees (esp along creeks)When? date(s): _____ time: 4:30 to 4:32 PMWho? your name and address: Richard Hollis 3351 Lower W Branch Rd Iowa Ct,

others with you: _____

others before or after you: Tom Kent, Mike Newlon who directed me to area

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.

Size: Easily twice the size of a mourning dove it was chasing
Massive - thick body - esp. accross chest - I was surprised

Breast+Belly - unstreaked white or grey (no markings)

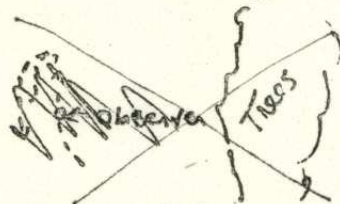
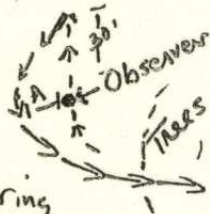
Head - white stripe above eye

Back - dark + rather plain = dark blue or black

General shape: Accipiter, but relative to smaller species was much thicker bodied. Same rounded to wings + long tail as other sp in genus.

Behavior: Came into view chasing M. Dove (~ 1 meter behind). The dove at one point rolled and changed directions. This was when the Goshawk appeared to be closing the distance.

distance A 20'



Similar species and how eliminated:

Other accipiters ① size ② eye stripe ③ belly coloring

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Poor lighting as overcast+raining and near sundown - sun direction etc are meaningless
Distances (estimated) see sketch above. Height above ground 20'Previous experience with species and similar ones: None w Goshawk, I've seen other accipiters.References and persons consulted before writing description: I did look at field guide before setting out.How long before field notes made? 1-2 hours this form completed? 2 1/2 weeks

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