CONTRIBUTOR: Paul Marts	ching		OTHER OBSERVERS:
SEASON: Winter /	120 M	1a-ston	
YEAR: 1981-82 A	mes /	A 5001	0
WEATHER/HABITAT: describ	oe any	unusual f	eatures at bottom of page
SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER ORSERVEDS
Goshawk Kestral	1	15 Feb 15 Feb	Big Creek doc sent-Hank Zaletel  1 mile S W of Ames
Mourning Dove	2	15 Feb	at feeder in Ames
Sawhwhet Owl	2	26 Dec	Ledges State Park
Red Breasted Nuthatch	1	15 Feb	State Forest Nursery in Ames
Brown Creeper	1	5 diff	days in Jan: on tree in front yard - Ames
	2	8 Feb	State Forest Nursery in Ames
Cedar Waxwing	smal	flocks	of 3 to 15 thruout Jan and Feb in Ames
I saw no Meadowlarks at	t all De	c, Jan,	& Feb.
Common Redpoll			Feb at feeder in Ames
	only 2	feeder o	to begin with - more as time went on. 23 Feb.
	16	15 Feb	Cambridge Cemetery
Pine Siskin	4	8 Feb	State Forest Nursery in Ames
	3	15 Feb	State Forest Nursery in Ames
Harris Sparrow	2	& Feb	State Forest Nursery in Ames
Snow Bunting	6	5 Feb	three miles north of Slater
Weather: extremely col	d; lot	of snow.	warmer last two weeks of Feb.
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## Middlewestern Prairie Region (Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio)

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Goshawk 2. Number: one	
3. Location Big Creek, Polk Co, Iowa	
4. Date: 15 Feb 1982 5. Time Bird seen: abt 20 min's in afternoon	
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristic but include only what actually was seen in the field):	the
First seen flying; crow plus size; nearly white underheath; gray above; long tail. When first perched, with binoculars, saw gray back and wings. Flew off to several different trees in succession. Finally we got back to the car and found it down the road in a dead tree. With spotting scope at about 125 yds - pale gray beneath with some very narrow striping on breast; gray wings and back; head dark with very wide white eye brow stripe.  First seen to west then south west then south.	
7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard	
8. Description of behavior: flapped wings in a 'floppy' manner - difficult to describe.  When last seen it flew out of dead tree about fifty feet then suddenly went straight  9. Habitat - general: fields and patches of down into gully.  specific: forest.	
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:	
When first saw it that of Marsh Hawk. did not have prominent white rump of Marsh Hawk. Marsh Hawk doesn't have the wide white eye brow stripe on very dark head. Wings wider than on Marsh Hawk. much larger than other accipiters. Other accipiters don't have wide white eye brow stripe.  11. Distance (how measured)? closest around 125 yds  12. Optical equipment:  13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  14. Drawie hazy; at first bird north of sun later moved to south; haze really thick.	
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  never saw Goshawk before  Other observers:	
Hank Zalatel Did the others agree with your identification?	
Hank did.  Other observers who independently <u>identified</u> this bird:	
none that I know of 18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this descript A Field Guide to the Birds - Peterson	ion:
Birds of America - Golden Press I've tried to put down only what I actually saw.	
About four hours: typed it much later of course - didn't have form.  Address: 1120 Marston	
Date: 1 March 82 . City, State: Ames, Iowa 50010	