

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Goshawk How many? 2Location? Douglas Cass township, Boone CountyType of habitat? woodland edgeWhen? date(s): 2-19-83 time: 8:15 A.M. toWho? your name and address: Mike Traub, 117 Ash, Ames, IA 50010others with you: Todd Walrod and Doug Phillips (addresses on back)

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.

Descriptions as given by each of the above:

Mike: Both birds had a black band that stretched posteriorly from the eyes, the larger one had a grayish breast and a darker coat, had a dark crown, the smaller one was facing away from us; it had a med-brown coat with black bands that stretched posteriorly from the eyes, when the smaller one took off there was black bands on the underside of the tail (the tail was a grayish-white color underneath. They both took off towards the ground at a slight angle and then up and out of sight. Both appeared to be larger than the Red-tailed hawk. We observed the birds for approx. 3-4 minutes with binoculars from about 40 yards.

Todd: Fairly large sized-Approx. same size as Red-tailed hawk, long tail with dark bands. Light gray breast and belly-darker back, dark band through the eye and dark crown, broad wings-flight was flapping and gliding, seemed to be a size difference between the two-the one on the left appeared to be larger

Doug: Saw two large raptors that were larger than the Red-tailed hawk seen earlier in the day. One was facing towards us. Its chest was a light grayish color, tail was longer than the ones seen earlier, had a dark cap and a prominent band in back of eye. The other bird was facing away from us. Its back was dark with a long tail, was smaller than the other one, also had a dark cap and eye line. When they took off, their tail feathers had 3-4 dark bands on them.

Similar species and how eliminated: larger than Red-tailed and was not as dark as Red-tailed, also species spotted had eye bands

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
excellent lighting (early morning), approx. 40 yds., binoculars 7x35

Previous experience with species and similar ones: none

References and persons consulted before writing description: bird guide

How long before field notes made? 2 days this form completed? 3 days

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How many?

What species?

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Location? Douglas Co. Iowa

Todd Walrod
Hickory Grove Mobile Park
Type of habitat?
R.R. #2, #16
Ames, IA 50010
When? date(s)

102-40-17-17-2466

Who? your name and address: Mike Phillips
2803 1/2 W. St.
Ames, IA 50010
Others with you: Todd Walrod
(addresses on back)

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.

Notes: Both birds had a black band that stretched posteriorly from the eyes. The larger one had a grayish breast and a black crown. The smaller one was facing away from us; it had a red-brown coat with black bands that stretched posteriorly from the eyes, when the smaller one took off there was black bands on the underside of the tail. The tail was a grayish-white color underneath. They both took off towards the ground at a slight angle and then up and out of sight. Both appeared to be larger than the red-tailed hawk. We observed the birds for approx. 3-4 minutes with binoculars from about 40 yards.

Time: Fairly large bird - approx. same size as red-tailed hawk. Long tail with a prominent light gray breast and belly-darker back, dark band through the eye and dark crown. Crown was light and shining. seemed to be a nice difference between the two - the one on the left appeared to be larger.

Notes: Two large raptors that were larger than the red-tailed hawk seen earlier in the day. One was facing towards us. Its chest was a light gray. The other was facing away from us. The other bird was facing away from us. The back was dark with a long tail. When they took off, their tail feathers had a dark band on them.

Similar species and how eliminated: Larger than red-tailed and was not as dark as red-tailed, also species spotted had eye bands.

Did you see response or have a reasonable doubt identification? No

If yes, explain:

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