

IOWA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS DOCUMENTATION FORM

What species? Sharp Shinned Hawk How many? 1Location: County Lucas Block 763Location in detail T-71N, R-23W, Sec. 17 (NW Qtr)Habitat? Flying over bottomland deciduous timber 2 mi. S. of Stephen's ForestWhen? date? 6-16-88 Time: 1:10 PM to 1:13 PMObserver? Name: Bruce EhresmanAddress: Wildlife Res. Str., P1, Boone, IA 50036Telephone: B (515) 432-2823 H (515) 432-8186

Description of bird(s): include size, shape, detailed description of all parts including bill, eye, head, neck, back, wings, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet; also voice and behavior. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Bird was flying low over timber headed away from me and was being chased by red-winged blackbirds. The bird did not appear to be a lot larger than the blackbirds. It appeared to be slate gray on the back ^{and top of head} with a long (for the size of the bird) squarish tail. The square ended tail also appeared slightly notched at the center. The bird had slightly pointed wingtips and flapped a lot and soared and glided very little. Tail was barred with white bands wider than dark. Breast of bird was barred horizontally but I did not note any color since the sun was overhead.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Cooper's Hawk is larger and normally has rounded tail. I've never seen a Cooper's with a notched tail

Did anyone have reservations about identification? If so, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance and how measured, optical (my estimate) equipment used. Sunny day with sun overhead. Bird was ~150yds away when first sighted but moved out of sight within minutes.

8.5 X 44 Swift Binocs

Previous experience with this species and other similar ones:

Have handled several Coopers and Sharp Shinned hawks with DNR Rehab. programs. Have watched Coopers and sharp-shinned in Iowa during the winter for last 10 years.

BREEDING BEHAVIOR: Give all details observed that indicate that the species breeds on the block. If nest, eggs, young, or courtship display were observed, describe in detail.

Saw no evidence of breeding except this is an adult bird in acceptable breeding habitat during the breeding season.

If books or other birders were consulted before writing up the documentation, please list them here:

How long after observation were field notes made?

Immediate

How long after observation was this form completed?

Immediate