

✓ RIGBY

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Goshawk How many? 1

Location? Rigby Farm,

Type of habitat? Farm grove, shrubby in backyard

When? date(s): 4/14/83 time: 12:00 to 12:15

Who? your name and address: Joyce Rigby, Laurens, Ia. 50554

others with you: Dick Rigby

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.

Grey back + wings  
Black on cheeks  
Broad white eye stripe  
Light underside

Similar species and how eliminated:

*Joyce Rigby*

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If ~~yes~~, explain: We called Ron Harms while we watched The hawk + he asked us to write every thing we saw right away.

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
Good light, overcast, 20 yds (est), field glasses

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Other hawks a life time None 2 Goshawk

References and persons consulted before writing description:  
Peterson's Field Guide and Golden "Birds of North America"

How long before field notes made? Right as it this form completed? 4 hrs.  
was sitting outside the window

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12 noon

4-14-83

Yeshawk landed on clothesline pole & sat in clear view for the best part of 15 minutes, preening himself.

Diagnostic markings:

Grey back & wings

Black on cheeks

Broad white eye stripe which continued around & almost met on back of head

Light underside

White tail coverts.

Its tail remained lowered throughout entire preening process; coverts clearly visible.

Seen by Joyce & Dick  
Rigby

Also: 5 male purple finches - 3 female