

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Peregrine Falcon How many? 1Location? Babcock L., Johnson CoType of habitat? Lake/marshWhen? date(s): 10/10/84 time: 115 to 120 PMWho? your name and address: RJ Hollisothers with you: -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.

The bird coasted out of the <sup>coralville</sup> Lake/marsh to the E, crossed the Parkway lot, circled N up Babcock L. At this point it smacked a bird (shorebird?) it circled back + looked at the bird but didn't pursue it further. Then it perched 40' from me in a tree. Later it flew off + perched again.

The bird was a rich chocolate brown on its back, but many dark feathers had pale edgings. The tail had a light terminal band. The belly + breast were heavily streaked w. dark brown on a buffy ground color. The bill was blueish + the feet greenish.

It was large - the only thing to compare it with was a Ring-billed Gull + they were of similar size.

See sketches from back

Similar species and how eliminated:

Prarie Falcon - the dark brown of the markings + the broad + striking facial markings

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? -

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Overcast but ok est 30-40' then 200 yds

7x35 Binnic, Spotting Scope 15-45x 60

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I've seen other Peregrines, but all were ad.

References and persons consulted before writing description: I checked many guides + talked

to MC Newlon before absolutely convincing myself that it was not a Prarie F.  
How long before field notes made? 5 this form completed? 2 mos

The facial markings were strong → are sketched below

Location: St. Louis, Missouri  
Type of habitat: Urban



Crown was mottled + striped



Almost all birds were mottled + striped



Siderox

don't know black

Reaction

It seems to be a Siderox but a Siderox to begin with. I thought of a Siderox but I don't know black. I thought of a Siderox but I don't know black.

Some were black, but it was no more than a few. I thought of a Siderox but I don't know black. I thought of a Siderox but I don't know black.

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