

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species ~~probable~~ cooper's hawk 2. Number: 4
3. Location Heavy Oak-hickory woods west side of Saylorsville
4. Date: 6/29/85, 7/26, 7/13 5. Time Bird seen: 10⁰⁵ to 10¹⁰ A.M. (6/29)
9⁰⁰ AM to 10⁰⁰ AM (7/13)
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

6/29 Not well seen. Obviously an accipiter. Large enough for a cooper's. Tail appeared rounded at rest.
 (See reverse side)

7. Description of voice, if heard: repeated several times: Kuk! Kuk! Kuk!
loud and ringing
8. Description of behavior: would not leave area, flew from tree to tree,
repeating call
9. Habitat - general: River bluff white-red oak, hickory, ironwood
 specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
could not eliminate sharp-shin, but large size and loud call would
suggest Cooper's. Sharp-shin very unlikely in summer.
11. Distance (how measured)? 30 yds estimate 12. Optical equipment: 7x50
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): bright sun,
in woods
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: Regular migrant
in this area
15. Other observers: none
16. Did the others agree with your identification? —
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: —
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Peterson's

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 2 hrs

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7/13/85

Returned to same area, Nest found, 35' in white oak.
Two fledged young in nest, left while I was watching. One or
four flies, the smaller one could barely fly. I watched the two
plus one adult bird for an hour as they did not leave nest
tree very far. all three had rounded tails, and adult and
larger immature seemed too large for sharp-shin.
I would conclude these were cooper's.

7/26/85 total of four hours noted, same area.

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