

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: SWAINSON HAWK 2. Number: 2
3. Location: OSCEOLA COUNTY
4. Date: 5-16-78 5. Time seen: ALL DAY
6. Description of size, shape, and color: Red Tail Hawk
sized with slightly narrower and pointed wings-
Dark above, light below with a brown chest band.
7. Voice, if heard: none heard
8. Behavior: nesting
9. Habitat: open farm country, nesting in a farm ^{grove} ~~grove~~
10. Similar species: Red Tail, These birds had no Red Tail.
11. Distance viewed at: 200' Optical equipment: 15 power spotting scope
13x light: CLEAR, SUN AT OUR BACKS.
14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:
I've seen SWAINSONS in migration. AS I have
Red Tails
15. Other observers: 3- Myself, DEAN ROOSA, STEVE QUECKER
16. Did others agree: yes 17. Other independent observers:
18. Books and advice consulted: PETERSON'S Field guide, DEAN ROOSA, STEVE QUECKER
19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:
1 hr
- Signature: Dick Bierman Address 901 HARRIS &
- Date 5-16-78 City, State CHEROKEE, IOWA

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Number: 5

I first observed these birds on 4-25-78.

I waited to write this report until corroboration by
Dean Ross and Steve Ducker, I will monitor the
nest until the young have fledged.

Dark above, light below with a brown chest band
lined with slight yellow and white wings

1. Voice, if heard: None heard

2. Behavior: nesting

3. Habitat: open field near farm house

4. Similar species: Red Tail, This bird had no red tail

5. Distance viewed at: 500' Optical equipment: 12 power spotting scope

6. Light: clear, low at our backs

7. Previous experience with this species and similar species:

I have seen Sparrows in migration as I have

Red Tail

8. Other observers: 3 - myself, Dean Ross, Steve Ducker

9. Other independent observers: None

10. Books and advice consulted: Peterson's Field guide, Dean Ross, Steve Ducker

11. How and when I wrote this description:

the day after seeing the bird I wrote this description

12. Name: Red Tail

13. Date: 2-18-78

14. City, State: Chickadee, Iowa

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