

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Sometimes I am on the fence as to whether to include a bird sighting in the report or not, usually because I don't have enough information or the sighting is so unusual that I would like to check on it. I have a choice of making a decision or seeking more information. This form is an attempt to do the latter.

I would appreciate it if you would return this form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope as soon as possible so that I can make alterations in the report before it is published. Thanks.

Record: Broad-wing Hawk, 21 Oct, Banner Grove

Significance: 2nd latest

Information requested:

- confirm date do you have any later dates? Yes - Oct 21, 1995
- how well seen (viewing time, distance, view, other details) About a minute -
- description of bird (as much as you can honestly remember) see below
- voice (heard?, what was heard?) no voice
- can other observers also provide details?

Oct 21, 1995 was a cold day (35°-50°) with strong NW winds and Mark, Jim Sinclair, Rick Tripp & I were watching for 4 1/2 hours. This hawk came over quite close (over the pines) + quite low (just above the pines). We had good looks as it didn't go tearing through the area, but was in a soar.

When we saw a barred tail at first we thought "Red-shouldered", but realized it was a Broadwing tail, with the wider, darker subterminal band of an adult - distinctly different from the Red-shouldered's even-width dark bands + more narrow white bands.

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I saw the white undersides of the butes
with dark edgings (Pete Dunne calls it
"a white piece of canvas bordered by a
black frame.") and the wings held flat
& horizontal, not up-lifted or drooping.
All four of us saw it - and well.
We knew it was late for a Broadwing -
but there it was we all agreed.

This is the latest Broadwing we have seen.
It was in sight about a minute.