

June 8, 1980

Documentation

1. Species Northern Goshawk 2. number 1 ♀
3. Location Near Green Valley State Park
4. Date Apr. 4, 1980
5. Time bird seen - about 5:15 pm to 5:30
6. Description - quite large about the size of a Marsh Hawk. Back was brown. Underparts white streaked with brown. Head had brown cap with conspicuous white stripe through the eye. The tail was a gray-brown with ^{4 to 5} dark brown bars on tail.
7. Description of behavior - Was probably migrating northward. was fly north. Was flying quite low 2-10 feet ~~above~~ ~~at~~ above the ground most of the time.
8. Habitat - open lake surrounded by open fields with scattered cedar trees and other deciduous trees
9. Similarly appearing species - female Cooper's Hawk is ~~smaller~~ smaller and does not ~~have~~ have a very ~~conspicuous~~ ^{clear} conspicuous white stripe through the eye. I ~~haven't~~ haven't seen any female cooper's hawk as large as the bird my dad and I saw. It was at least the size of a large marsh hawk.
10. Distance - came as close as 30 feet away and 2-10 feet ~~at~~ above the ground.
11. Optical Equipment - ~~7~~ 7x50 binoculars
12. Light - was ~~for~~ ~~for~~ fairly good but the sun was in front of us while observing bird. ~~at~~ the bird flew in front of a pine grove which blocked the sunlight at one time and gave us a great view of the bird.

13. Previous Experience with Species - I have seen the Goshawk once before, at a male at George Nyth State Park.

14. Other observers - My dad.

15. Books - Birds of North America by Robbins, Brunn, Singer - Has good description. American Bird Birds, May 1979 article on "The identification of North Am. Accipiters"

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