

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Adult Goshawk How many? 01Location? SE Quarter, Sec. 08, Lincoln Twp., Story Co., IowaType of habitat? Sitting on top of a dead ♀ Mallard in an agricultural sheetwater pondWhen? date(s): 15 Mar. 83 time: 10:00 to 10:30Who? your name and address: Ted LaGrange, 917 Pannel Ct., Ames, IA 50010

others 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 was sitting on top of a freshly killed ♀ Mallard. It would pluck away the Mallard's breast feathers with its bill and then take a few bites of breast flesh. This activity was repeated.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
good light, est. distance 200yds, 20-45X zoom scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Never observed before

References and persons consulted before writing description: Dr. James J. Dismore

How long before field notes made? as observing this form completed? 08 April

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To amend earlier form

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size: Slightly larger than a crow

~~gray~~ gray back, white belly finely ~~striped~~ striped with gray (Horizontally).

Distinct blackish cap, a light line directly above the eye, and a dark gray eye patch. Did not get a good look at the tail. Feet were yellow.

Could not determine eye color.

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