

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? GOLDEN EAGLE How many? 1

Location? IA HIGHWAY 99 8 + MILES N. OF BURLINGTON

Type of Habitat? WOODDED RIVER BLUFF

When? date(s): 12/17/88 time: 10:30^{AM}₁₀

Who? your name and address: CHUCK FULLER 420 S. GARFIELD BURLINGTON IA 52601

Others with you: 4 - J. MCCORMICK B. KINNEER T FRANCIS J. FULLER

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

LARGE EAGLE SIZED BUTEO FLEW FROM PERCH ALONG MISSISSIPPI RIVER BLUFF DIRECTLY (AND SLOWLY) OVERHEAD AS 5 OBSERVERS WATCHED

TWO VERY DISTINCT FIELD MARKS WERE NOTED BY ALL 5 OBSERVERS:

1) TAIL VERY WIDE DISTINCTLY WHITE BAND EXTENDED FROM BASE TO INCLUDE OVER 1/2 THE TAIL LENGTH

2) UNIFORM DARK UNDERNEATH COLORING EXCEPT FOR DISTINCT LIGHT WINDOWS AT BASE OF PRIMARIES

Similar species; how eliminated:

CONCLUSION: IMMATURE GOLDEN EAGLE.

FROM IMMATURE BALD EAGLE BY ABOVE MENTIONED FIELD MARKS

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. BINOCS 7X35 TO 8X50

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I HAVE LOOKED ALL B. EAGLES OVER FOR THE PAST 5 YRS LOOKING FOR GOLDEN

CAREFULLY
References and persons consulted before writing description: NOTES WRITTEN IMMEDIATELY AND BEFORE CONSULTING FIELD GUIDE.

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY this form completed? 6 HRS

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).