

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Golden Eagle How many? 1Location? Western Marshall County, Central IowaType of habitat? Over farm LAND flying westWhen? date(s): Oct 2 1984 time: 12 noon to 12:10 pmWho? your name and address: CARL KURTZ, RFD #1, St. Anthonyothers with you: CKu

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.

Very large bird with slightly bent wings. Wings and tail showed some white underneath. The curved open spaces in the wing tips were distinctive and when combined with the size of the bird eliminated all the hawks. I would not confuse it with a turkey vulture which was seen in the same area a couple of weeks earlier.

Similar species and how eliminated: ^(and tips) wing shape and the location of the white under the wings eliminated Immature Bald Eagles

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Overcast lighting, NO binocularsPrevious experience with species and similar ones: Have seen golden eagles in the westReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Dr. DismoreHow long before field notes made? alone this form completed? 2 months

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