

#### DETAILS FOR ACCIPITERS

Christmas Bird Count: Burlington 12/19/92

There were two COOPER'S HAWKS, both of which were females, because of the large size, and as such they could compare only to Northern Goshawk.

Bird #1: Adult female. This bird was flushed from evergreens at Sacred Heart Cemetery, and it kept flying one or two trees away and sitting in another evergreen. I had good, close looks at the bird both sitting and flying. The back was a blue-gray color, and the breast was reddish-brown cross streaked on white. The tail appeared quite long, had alternate light and dark bands, and had rounded corners, both sitting and in flight.

BIRD #2: As I was driving an area with woods on one side of road, and open fields on the other, the bird flew in front of th car from woods to field, and I had a pretty good look as it flew directly in front of me. This also was a large accipiter, but was brown on the back, and had a brown-streaked breast. I could not see any white line above the eye. The tail was very long, and appeared to be rounded.

The SHARP-SHINNED HAWK also flew in front of the car as I was driving Hartman Road in the Burlington Municipal Airport area. This bird came gliding in front at close range. It was quite small, probably a male. It was an immature bird, with brown back and brown-steaked breast. The tail was long, with alternate light and dark bands. It also appeared to be squared on the end.

#### DETAILS FOR THAYER'S GULL

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The bird was first observed sitting on ice with about 200 other gulls at the Iowa Southern Utilities Co. generating station on the Mississippi River near the warm water outflow. The bird was about the size of the Herrings, but larger than any Ring-billed. This bird appeared quite light, compared to the other half a dozen immature Herring Gulls in the group. An eagle flew over, and all the gulls got up, and in flight, the light bird I had been watching had slivery white all the way to and including the first primary. All the Herring Gulls had windows on the underwing, with the outer primaries dark. I identified it as a first year bird.