

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? NORTHERN GOSHAWK How many? 1

Location? 5 RIDGE PRAIRIE PLYMOUTH CO. IA

Type of Habitat? BELOW DAM RIPARIAN + UPPER TRANSITION RED CEDAR - BURR OAK

When? date(s): 1-3-99 time: 9:00 AM AND 1130 AM

Who? your name and address: JERRY PROBST 5109 CORRECTIONVILLE RD
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Others with you: WARREN DUNKLE

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.

9 AM SIGHTING - WALKING THE DAM ROAD. FLUSHED HAWK FROM JUNIPER FLEW DIRECTLY AWAY AND LOST IT. I SAW THE ALL GRAY BACK WITH ACCIPITER ROUNDED WINGS AND LARGER SIZED THAN A CROW. IT ALSO HAD THE PUMP PUMP GLIDE FLIGHT.

1130 AM SIGHTING - BETTER PREPARED. FLUSHED FROM THE SAME PERCH. STRONG WING BEATS + GLIDE. FLEW DIRECTLY AWAY AGAIN. I SAW UNIFORM GOSHAWK GRAY ON DORSAL + WIDE TAIL WITH LITTLE BARRING. IT TURNED ENOUGH TO SHOW WHITISH GRAY VENTRAL SIDE (BODY) THE HEAD WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE (SMALL) FLYING AWAY. IT HAD A LARGE (> CROW) ACCIPITER PROFILE OF ROUNDED WINGS + LONG BUT WIDE ROUNDED TAIL

Similar species; how eliminated: COOPER'S - THIS BIRD WAS TOO HEAVY BODIED, STRONG WING BEATS AND THE WHITISH GRAY VENTRAL SIDE (BODY)
RED SHOULDERED - GOSHAWK GRAY COLOR - WING PATTERN - FLIGHT

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

100 FEET ESTIMATED AFTER SNOWSHOEING TO PERCH - CLEAR COLD -4°F
10X42 B+L ELITE

Previous experience with species and similar ones: FIRST ONE THIS YEAR
SEE ABOUT EVERY OTHER YEAR SOMEWHERE

References and persons consulted before writing description: NG

How long before field notes made? 10 hrs this form completed? 10 hrs

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