

What species? PRARIE FALCON How many? 1

Location? 4 1/2 MILES EAST OF REINBECK - BLACK HAWK CO.

Type of habitat? SILO - OPEN FARMLAND

When? date(s): 27 FEBRUARY time: 6:34 AM to 6:40:AM

Who? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITY, 52240

others with you: JIM SCHEIB

others before or after you: FRANKS MOORE, ARNOLD P FROMMER

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 SEEN EMERGING FROM THE HOLE IN THE SIDE OF A SILO JUST BEFORE SUNRISE. IT FLEW AFTER PERCHING FOR 2 MINUTES, AND THEN PERCHED OUT OF VIEW FOR SEVERAL MORE MINUTES. FINALLY IT FLEW DIRECTLY OVERHEAD AND LANDED ON A FENCEPOST 1/4 MILE AWAY.

GENERAL SIZE WAS ABOUT THAT OF A CROW AND GENERALLY LOOKED WHEN IT FLEW LIKE A VERY LARGE PIGEON.

FEATURES DEFINITELY SEEN WERE:

- ① THE POINTED WINGS
- ② LONG TAIL WITH BARRING
- ③ BROWN SANDY BACK
- ④ BLACK AXILLARY AREAS
- ⑤ TWO VERTICAL FACIAL MARKS - ONE MORE OF A SMUDGE - NOT A NICE LINE

Similar species and how eliminated:

PEREGRINE - FACIAL PATTERN ADULT - NO BLACK AXILLARY AREAS
& DARKNESS OF BACK.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

JUST BEFORE SUNRISE. CLEAR SKY 9X36 BINOCULARS
+ 20-60X TSN-4 KOWA SCOPE (BRIEFLY) 50 YARDS PERCHMENT
FLYING TO 1/4 MILE

Previous experience with species and similar ones: LAURENS IOWA 2/88
SEEN IN WESTERN US

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 1 1/2 HOURS

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