

What species? Merlin How many? 1
 Location? 1 mile east of long bridge at Saylorville Lake
 Type of Habitat? Farm grove and open farm field
 When? date(s): Dec. 18, 1988 time: 2:30 to 2:35
 Who? your name and address: Eloise Armstrong
 Others with you: Eugene Armstrong
 Others before or after you: no one

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.

Small ~~bird~~ ^{Falcon} with a white eye line and a brown cap. Elongated brown markings on breast and belly. Short banded tail. Perched in a tree. Small hooked beak.

Similar species; how eliminated:

No face pattern like a kestrel

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

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

100 yds - early afternoon light - 20 power scope
 7x35 binoc.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 2 days

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