

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species NORTHERN GOSHAWK 2. Number: 1
3. Location 2 M.E. of EIKHART, IA
4. Date: 1-29-84 5. Time Bird seen: 10:20 to 10:30
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
Size of Red-tailed Hawk. ACCIPITER wing and TAIL. IT WAS A MALE with a BLUE GRAY BACK, IT HAD A LIGHT-LINE OVER A RED EYE. STRIP TAIL
LIGHT BREAST. Banded tail
7. Description of voice, if heard:
8. Description of behavior: IT WAS CHASING BIRDS NEAR MY BIRD FEEDER. THEN LANDED ON GROUND, WAS CHASING SOMETHING UNDER A BUSH ON THE GROUND.
9. Habitat - general: TIMBER AREA
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
COOPERS is too SMALL ALSO NO EYE LINE. NO BARRINGS ON BREAST of GOSHAWK
11. Distance (how measured)? 120 FT, WALKED OFF 12. Optical equipment: 7X35 BINOCULARS
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): OVERCAST, BUT GOOD LIGHT WITH SNOW ON GROUND
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
HAVE BEEN BANDING HAWKS SOME FOR PAST 10 YEARS
15. Other observers: DIANE MOSMAN
MIKE MOSMAN
16. Did the others agree with your identification? YES
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
I HAVE CHECKED FIELD GUIDES, BUT I HAVE BEEN BIRD WATCHING FOR PAST 40 YEARS. SO FIELD GUIDES DID NOT INFLUENCE ME, OTHER THAN CONFIRM MY IDENTIFICATION.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 5 MIN

Darwin (Dean) Mosman
Signature

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