

What species? peregrine owl How many? 1Location? Ranch Corner, Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co IAType of habitat? Reservoir floodplain with dead trees, weedy flats, willowsWhen? date(s): ~~2~~ Oct 83 time: 12:00N to 1 PMWho? your name and address: M Newtonothers with you: —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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Crow sized bird - heavily built w/ big, round head, short neck, large chest, long triangular pointed wings, often swept back in flight, long square tail.

Upperparts dark blue - black (black at distance); hint of pale in scapulars of left wing - moult? Underparts pale w/ dark barring. Face pale, dark of crown descending in broad bar through eye.

Bill short, hooked; cere pale; legs/feet yellow.

Perched in dead trees, made short flights between them. First noticed when it scattered a group of great blue herons. Swept-back wings very prominent as it swooped up to perch. When it left the area, flew with very rapid shallow wingbeats, atypical of peregrine, perhaps due to strong tailwind.

Similar species and how eliminated: face pattern eliminates only similar falcons.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: long range - 200yds - 25x60 scope - light very good at times, terrible at others, depending on location of bird + obs.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen many peregrines, some praries, a few sps.

References and persons consulted before writing description: —

How long before field notes made? on spot this form completed? 11-28