

## AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Golden Eagle imax 2. Number 1
3. Location Upper Iowa River, Allamakee Co IA
4. Date: 14 Feb 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: 11:42 to 11:46
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):
- "Eagle with white at base of primaries from above, very slight wing pattern from below with primaries and secondaries slightly brown. Under tail base below feet slightly white. Upper tail all dark. Otherwise bird all dark. Head short, tail long and slightly rounded." No white was seen in wing coverts. By below feet I meant that I saw the white in the same area as I saw the feet. Head-neck was much shorter than those of bald eagles I saw earlier in the day at Lansing.
7. Description of voice, if heard: NA
8. Description of behavior: Soaring. Did not flap wings much
9. Habitat - general: Over high rocky hills and river valley  
specific: 5 mi east of # 76 on county road A26 in Allamakee Co.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
Immature bald eagle - location of white, head size and habitat fit golden eagle. Known to writer in this area
11. Distance (how measured)? 200 yards (guess) - soaring almost overhead
12. Optical equipment: 8x40 Leitz Teleskop
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
light overcast. Sun behind me.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
Seen once in Iowa. Also seen in Colorado
15. Other observers:  
none
16. Did the others agree with your identification? NA
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
Robbins after writing field notes
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?  
as soon as bird out of sight
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