

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species N. Gos hawk 2. Number: one
3. Location N.E. Madison County
4. Date: Oct. 31, 1983 5. Time Bird seen: 2 PM to -
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):
 Large Accipiter - perched facing us
 Dark cap - white eyeline - grey breast
 white fluffy undertail coverets
 Long lightly barred tail
7. Description of voice, if heard: None
8. Description of behavior: Perched
9. Habitat - general: Brushy fence row
 specific: Open farmland
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
Cooper's - Large than a Cooper's
Grey bellied
11. Distance (how measured)? Est - 20 ~~to~~ to 30 rods 12. Optical equipment: SCOPE
20PW Bushnell
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Bright overcast observers facing SE - Sun in W obscured
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Identified 4 or 5 previously
15. Other observers:
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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:
Robbins Brds of N Amer.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 24 hrs.

Eugene Armstrong
 Signature

Address: _____

Date: 11/1/83 City, State: Booneville, IA 50038