

NOT Counting

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Hooded Merganser 2. Number 1
3. Location Oxford, Iowa
4. Date: Dec. 9, 1978 5. Time Bird Seen: 2<sup>30</sup> 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):

The second sighting. Again a very light colored bird. I am quite familiar with this species and have seen the white line between bill and eye, but not this time. It was not a marsh hawk because no white patch at base of tail, and its flight was too firm, direct, and sure. It did note slightly unusual "dark" wing tips. (of course it flapped and soared).

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: flew directly by.

9. Habitat - general: Meadow surrounded by deep woods

specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

Marsh Hawk eliminated.

11. Distance (how measured)? 30 yards estimated

12. Optical equipment: None

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Cloudy

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Have seen some or similar bird about every other year for 9 years.

15. Other observers:

None

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Peterson

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

One week

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