

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
Extraordinary Bird Sightings  
In Iowa

Species? Red-shouldered Hawk No. 1

Location Wildlife Research Station - Boone County

Habitat Upland Forest / Grassy openings

Date(s) March 14-17, 1988 Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address: Douglas A. Reeves

Other Observers: Bruce Ehresman, K. Pat Schlarbaum, Laura Jackson, Karen Craft, H. Lee Gladfelter

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 behavior and voice.

What a beautiful hawk! Black and white banded tail (very distinct), Barred red breast, red shoulder patches, whitish mottling appearance on folded wings. This was a "classic" bird. IT hung around here and hunted right outside our office - we should have photos of it soon.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Very close (25 yards at times) - binoculars + unaided eye.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Several of us have seen the species numerous times before.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

None - none needed.

How long before field notes made? N/A this form completed?

3 days

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