

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? MERLIN How many? 1

Location? IN ABANDONED ALLEY, LOCUST ST, TYSON ST, HAZEL ST, GLENWOOD IA.

Type of Habitat? OPEN, w/ HOUSES, SHRUBS, MED. TREES, - SUBURBAN -

When? date(s): 1-1-89 time: 1:30 to 1:40

Who? your name and address: DOUGLAS L. ROSE 209 N. GROVE GLENWOOD IA.

Others with you: JUNE PARKS, HOWARD + JENNY CURRY, 51574

Others before or after you: NONE

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

KESTREL SIZE SITTING ON UTILITY POLE WATCHING BIRD FEEDER. VERY STRETCHED BREAST, MED. BROWN IN COLOR, LIGHT EYEBROW, FAINT MUSTACHE, WHEN IT FLEW THE POINTED WINGS AND BANDED TAIL WERE OBVIOUS. WILL BE HAPPY TO SEND PHOTOS! PHOTOS ENCLOSED!

Similar species; how eliminated: SHARP SHINNED HAWK, - POINTED WINGS, MUSTACHE, KESTREL - WRONG COLOR - ONLY ONE MUSTACHE, NO STRIPE, BROWN BACK AND TAIL., BANDED TAIL

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. OVERCAST, 50-80' EST. 10X50 BINOCLS. APPROACHED WITHIN 30 FT (EST) PHOTO WITH 500MM LENS. WATCHED + PHOTOD 10MIN.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: SAW ONE ~~ON~~ ON 12-31-88 ON TRI-STAR XMAS COUNT. HAVE SEEN SEVERAL THIS PAST FALL.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? ON THE SPOT this form completed? 7 HRS.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).