

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Goshawk How many? 1Location? Sweet MarshType of habitat? Pine planting near marshWhen? date(s): Nov. 14, 1982 time: 4:40pm to 4:45pm.Who? your name and address: Robert K. Myersothers with you: (FM) Francis Moore

others before or after you: _____

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 voice and behavior.

The hawk was either sick or settled in for the night as we walked right up to it and it made no attempt to fly.

The bird was large - red-tail hawk size

Color was light gray below and blue-gray above with a wide white eye-stripe.

The undertail coverts were white and very fluffy - stuck out on both sides of tail.

The eyes were red.

The tail seemed quite long but this was hard to judge on the sitting bird.

Similar species and how eliminated: The overall coloration (light gray below and slate gray above) with the prominent white eye stripe, the fluffy undertail coverts, the red eyes, and the large size eliminated everything else in my mind.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

Sun was setting but there was good light for our observations - Bird was about 25' away at our closest. - We both use B&L 7x35 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: We had several goshawks in our area last year and I am familiar with cooper's hawk

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? 2 hrs. this form completed? 1 week

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