

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? (Hawlan's) red-tailed hawk How many? 1Location? N side Hickory Hill Park Iowa City, Johnson Co IAType of habitat? pasture/hedges/woodsWhen? date(s): 16 Nov 1981 time: 8:30 to 8:45 AMWho? your name and address: Mike Newlen 908 Wales St Iowa City IA 52240others with you: —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.

Build size + shape similar to red tail

head brown streaked with paler. Back + wings brown with extensive white spots on scapulars.

Underparts pale with coarse streaking on chest + little apparent breastband. Belly not streaked (not seen well though)

Rings whitish

Tail white basally, increasingly mottled with dusky distally. The dusky forming a broad terminal band about $\frac{1}{3}$ the length of the tail. A rusty 'wash' showed through the dark of the tailband

Underwings - primaries not immaculate white as usual in rough-leg. Bill + legs dark

Perched in trees, preened, shook feathers out. Would not allow close approach, would fly wherever I got closer than ~ 50 yds.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Lack of immaculate primaries, rusty in tail tend to eliminate rough-leg.

Tail pattern suggests Hulan's r.t.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —If yes, explain: —

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

Good light - sunny + light behind obs and not observed closely - 50-100 yds est.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen many roughlegs + red-tails but never this subspecies.References and persons consulted before writing description: —How long before field notes made? on spot this form completed? 1 Dec
(Copied from notes)

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