

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? N. Goshawk 1 Adt How many? 1

Location? Hawkeye Wildlife Area

Type of habitat? deciduous woods with open creek - scattered open fields
a goshawk has been seen in this area for the past 3-4 years

When? date(s): 3-3-86 time: 9:20 to 9:22

Who? your name and address: Thomas J. Standt 517 DEARBORN Iowa city 52240

others with you: John Goddard

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.

SEEN in Flight: black crown, white eye strip. Blue-gray upperparts rounded wings long tail. Light under parts. Large breast, tapering to tail.
perched: underparts showed some barring. Tail irregularly banded other details as noted.

Similar species and how eliminated: The eye strip and blue-gray upperparts eliminate other accipiters.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
overcast 20 yds as the bird flew by unaided eye
60 yds when perched est. 8x30 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:
have seen 1-3 goshawks a year for past 4 yrs

References and persons consulted before writing description: no

How long before field notes made? 2 hrs this form completed? same day

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