

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Goshawk (adult) How many? 1Location? Sweet Marsh - Bremer Co.Type of habitat? Riverbottom timber at edge of marshWhen? date(s): April 16, 1983 time: 11:00 AM. to 11:02 AM.Who? your name and address: Robert K. Myers 1236 Sylvia Ave. Waterloo, Iowaothers with you: Francis Moore, Russ Hayes and 5 other members of Waterloo Audubon Soc.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 bird was in flight going across open marsh from one timber to another. We could all see the blue-gray back and light gray underside. The crown of head seemed darker (more black) than back and this accentuated the very obvious white eye stripe. I could also see bright red eyes thru the scope. The basic accipiter shape (especially the long tail) was also noted.

The bird was large - probably as big as a red-tailed hawk.

Similar species and how eliminated: Cooper's hawk is not as big and does not have light gray underside or the very obvious white eye stripe.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Bird first flew through field of view of 25x scope as I was scanning ducks. I then used 7x35 B&L binocs. Distance - eye esti. - was probably about 75 yds. Good light - <sup>sun</sup> out <sup>at that</sup> time.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen quite a few Goshawks during the past two winters.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONEHow long before field notes made? NONE WERE MADE this form completed? one week

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