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DOCUMENTATION FORM

Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

White Oak Twp
ca 5mi ssw of Indianola

Species Northern Goshawk
 Location Squaw Creek valley immediately west of Camp Wesley Woods in Warren County
 Habitat Brushy cover across crop field to river bottom
 Date(s) 1/30/83 Time 10:35 to 10:36
 Name and Address Jim Sinclair 1005 W 3rd #86, Indianola
 Other observers Paul Regnier

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 behavior and voice.

Red-tail size - accipiter shape - entire dorsal view was slate-gray-blue - breast light - tail was long and faintly barred - wings were rounded, flight was direct and purposefull. We happened to be observing a mature red-tail at the time the Goshawk appeared, making size and shape comparison easy.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Cooper's Hawk eliminated by the light breast

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: cloudy, $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ miles - measured by car and estimated Bushnell Sportsview 10x.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen similar bird in area twice within last two weeks.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NONE

How long before field notes made? _____ . How long before this form

completed? 2 hours