

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

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What species? North Horned Owl How many? 1Location? 3 mi N. of North Liberty, Johnson Co. Iowa. - near Civil Scout CampType of habitat? Wooded edge to hilly fields and low ~~wooded~~ areas.When? date(s): 18 Dec 1982 time: 1:30 (est) to for a few secondsWho? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City IA 52240others with you: Carol Thompson, Bob Lechner, Dick Tetraault

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.

A large, Red-tailed-sized accipiter. Blue-gray back and wings with black primaries. White underparts. I did not see eye-line. Heavy direct flight

Similar species and how eliminated: Accipiter shape, large size, and color with black primaries eliminate other species. Had a better look at one in the same area in November.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
 Bird few from south to west to north of us. Sunny and somewhat back lit.  
 30 yards (est). 8x binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen several. Sixth sighting  
 this fall/winter in same county.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? minutes this form completed? 2 days

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