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To: Rare Bird file

During my vacation in Iowa this month I have seen 3 prairie falcons, only the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th that I've seen in Iowa in over 30 years of birding (was there an "invasion" this year?). My sightings were:

14 Nov - 1 bird 1 mile NE of Goose Lake, Green Co.

(Flushed from open field near road, circled low over field and away.)

16 Nov. 1 bird 2 1/2 miles NE of Lehigh, Webster Co.

(Flushed from fence post beside road; flew away low over open field.)

24 Nov 1 bird 2 1/2 miles east of Moorland, Webster Co.

(Flushed from power line pole beside road; flew fast and parallel to road and out over open field.)

In each case the characteristic flight was evident as soon as the bird took flight and was spotted, the brownish plumage was evident, and the black axillary area was noted, just as with the prairie falcons I've observed almost daily in Saskatchewan the last 2 summers.

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