

7 DETAILS SHEET

SPECIES : Golden Eagle

NUMBER : 1

DATE : 9 Mar 1986

LOCATION : Ledges S.P.

DETAILS : The very large size and raptor shape identified the bird as an eagle sp. The entire bird was brown in color, except for a well-defined white tail with a broad, dark band at the tip. The bird lacked the typical white mottling of an immature Bald Eagle. The bird also had small, well-defined white patches at the base of the primaries (these patches are less distinct in an immature Bald Eagle). These marks, combined with the well-defined white band on the tail (the tail band of an immature Bald Eagle is less sharply defined) identified the bird as an immature Golden Eagle.

SPECIES : Merlin

NUMBER : 1

DATE : 14 Mar 1986 and 29 Mar 1986

LOCATION : Taylor Co. (14 Mar) and Big Wall L. (29 Mar)

DETAILS : Each bird was a small, dark falcon. The bird in Taylor Co. was dark brown above and heavily streaked below, identifying it as a female. The Big Wall L. bird had a dark gray back, streaked underparts and a head that was lighter than the back. Both birds had long, heavily banded tails. Their small size, falcon shape, and marks noted above eliminate all other falcons.

SPECIES : Peregrine Falcon

NUMBER : 1

DATE : 26 Apr 1986 and 2 May 1986

LOCATION : Lakin's Sl. (26 Apr) and near Bay's Branch (2 May)

DETAILS : A fairly large raptor with pointed wings, a long tail, and rapid wingbeats. These marks identified the birds as falcons sp. The dark back, speckled underparts, and black hood were seen well on both birds. The lack of dark axillaries eliminates Prairie Falcon. The large size and black hoods eliminate Merlin.

SPECIES : Yellow Rail

NUMBER : 1

DATE : 21 Apr 1986

LOCATION : marsh in SW Hamilton Co.

DETAILS : A small buffy rail ran across an opening in the marsh. When flushed, the bird showed a large whitish patch on the trailing edge of the secondaries. We were not able to flush the rail again.

SPECIES : Smith's Longspur

NUMBER : 1

DATE : 7 Mar 1986

LOCATION : pasture area in SW Greene Co.

DETAILS : A small sparrow-like bird in with several Horned Larks. The back and tail were brown. The underparts were buffy from the throat down through the undertail coverts. The bold black-and-white head pattern was seen well. The crown was black and there was a black triangle on the cheek. The eyeline was white and some white was confined by the triangle on the cheek. The bird also had a white shoulder patch.