

What species? Northern GoshawkHow many? 1JamaicaLocation? 1 mile north + 1/2 mile east of the North end of Lakin's SloughType of habitat? MarshWhen? date(s): 12-23-81 time: 9:30 to 9:31Who? your name and address: Raymond L. Cummins Pocahontas, Iowa 50574others with you: Dennis Henrickson Grover, Iowaothers before or after you: NONE

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.

Cummins

Henrickson - from field notes

Size - Harrier size, larger than a crow

heavier set than a Harrier

Shape - big around chest

Head - Black crown and face with wide prominent white eyebrow stripe.

Neck - thick

back - gray-black above

dorsal side slate-gray

top of wing + tail

Rump - gray-black no white patch

tail - long

long

underside - grayish white

pale gray

Behavior - no glide - continually

Slow flight

flapped wing

Wings - short compared to body - not pointed

Similar species and how eliminated:

The eye brow stripe and grayish white under sided eliminates other accipiters. Behavior - lack of white rump patch - heavy body eliminate male Harrier. Short none pointed wing and lack of facial mask eliminates Peregrine Falcon.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? Reservations

If yes, explain: DENNIS WAS later getting on the bird and only saw it for about 5 sec before it went into the sun. He missed the head pattern, so viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: 1 excellent light until the bird crossed the into the sun. Came within 50 yds at closest approach. TX35 Binoculars. Properly did not claim a

Previous experience with species and similar ones: regularly see sharpshinned and occasionally Coopers

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONEHow long before field notes made? 5 minutes this form completed? 1 day

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