

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Peregrine Falcon How many? 1 adultLocation? S. of Sheldahl, Story CountyType of habitat? open country near townWhen? date(s): 19 Sept. 1985 time: 6:15 PM to _____Who? your name and address: Steve Dismore 4024 Arkansas Dr. Ames IA 50010others with you: _____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.

Bird was first seen perched on a telephone pole. In the brief look I had of the bird perched, I was able to see the largely white underparts and dark ~~the~~ hood and malar stripe. In flight, the long pointed wings, dark back and head contrasting to light underparts and large size confirmed my identification as a peregrine falcon.

Similar species and how eliminated:

The large size, long pointed wings, dark back contrasting with light underparts, and the black hood eliminate all other raptors.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NOIf yes, explain: _____

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

light was good because the sun was behind me - sky only partly cloudy. Estimated viewing distance 40'-50'. I used Nikon 8x23 Binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description: I have seen several Peregrines in IowaHow long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 24 hours

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