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Species - Goshawk      Number - 1

Location - Swiss Valley Nature Preserve, 7 miles S.W. Dubuque

Habitat - Forest edge and open forest

Date - Dec. 26 ( also located Dec. 22-24th)

Goshawk was observed by Robert Walton, Sandy Walton, and Doug Fitzpatrick

Bird was first observed on high-line pole adjacent to Swiss Valley Nature Preserve. Bird had large size, long wings and long, banded tail. Conspicuous white triangular patch was seen at base of underside of tail which extended to legs, as bird flew directly overhead approx. 40ft. high.

The Goshawk landed in a nearby patch of oak-hickory forest and sat in good view for several minutes before flying deeper into woods at tree top height.

The same bird was observed later in the afternoon being chased by a red-tailed hawk. The goshawk's wing span was slightly longer than the red tail's and the bird retreated to the lower portion of forested hillside to avoid the red tail.