

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Osprey How many? 1

Location? Mississippi River - near Montrose, IA (south of Montrose)

Type of Habitat? near patch of open water - on ice near water

When? date(s): 12/27/92 time: 2:00p to 2:15p

Who? your name and address: Barb Roberts, PRI, Box 296, Nauvoo, IL 62354

Others with you: Zelma Williams, Kathy Dehn, Ruth Futzl

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

large bird - sitting on ice, large amount of white on head & upper breast, black eyeline was very clear  
Smaller than bald eagle in area.

Similar species; how eliminated:

not adjacent  
Im. bald eagles were in area. This bird's head markings were very distinctive.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No  
If yes, explain:

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

Clear sky, 1/4 mi, used 2 scopes (Bausch & Lomb - 30 power & Kowa TSN 2)

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen this species 3-4 times a year for past 30 yrs.

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? \_\_\_\_\_ this form completed? 4 hrs.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).