

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Golden Eagle How many? oneLocation? 4 east & 3 north of LarrabeeType of habitat? pasture & croplandWhen? date(s): 10-8-86 time: 3:15PM to 3:20PMWho? your name and address: Marion M. Brewer RR#2, Cherokee, Iowa 51012

others 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.

Large mostly dark bird, with long narrow wings, round white spots under wings at the wrist part of the wings, white tail terminating with a dark band, light brown or golden head. It was flying the little sioux river valley in a southerly direction.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Bald eagle , wing and tail pattern.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

Clear day with the sun behind me, ~~was~~ viewed with a window mounted 15 to 45 power spotting scope, distance of a estimated 250 yards.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: manyReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Golden and audibon,How long before field notes made? 3 hours this form completed? 10-13-86

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