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Waterloo

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Goshawk (imm) How many? 1

Location? Sweet Marsh (south side), Bremer County, Ia.

Type of habitat? River bottom timber

When? date(s): Dec 19, 1981 time: 11:20 AM to 11:30 AM

Who? your name and address: RUSSELL M HAYS 533 HOME PARK Waterloo, Ia.

others with you: ELEANOR CORWIN ANTOINETTE CAHILL ATTA

others before or after you: Bob Myers - relocated bird briefly about 1 hr. later

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.

Eleanor Corwin first spotted bird sitting in a tree. later it flew.

All three observers noted:

- 1. Large size - bigger than a crow -*
- 2. Brownish back*
- 3. Streaked breast (brown streaks on off-white)*
- 4. A very prominent white stripe over the eye*
- 5. Very long tail and rounded wings noted in flight*

Similar species and how eliminated: Imm. Cooper's would not show eye stripe

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

*Bright sunny day - bird when first seen was perched about 60' away
The all had 7X35 binoculars*

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Russ has seen several over the years

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? he didn't make any this form completed? I completed it Jan. 1, 1982

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