

BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

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IOWA CITY IA 52240SPECIES: PEREGRINE FALCON NUMBER: 1
LOCATION: EC Delaware Co., along hwy 20
DATE: 6 April 1984 TIME: 10 AMHABITAT: Typical Iowa countryside-cultivated fields with scattered small woodlots and stream bottoms.

DESCRIPTION: Noted a Red-tailed Hawk size bird flying off to north. With 15 X scope I noted:

Swept back and pointed wings of falcon. Tail was long and narrow. Entire upper surface dark gray-brown. Underparts all appeared light. Flight was powerful with six to ten flaps with a short sail. Flight was not really in a straight light, sort of erratic in its direction. At one point, the bird made a brief stoop low to the ground and then continued on out of sight.

SIMILAR SPECIES--COMMENTS: First impression of size of Red-tail seems to rule out Merlin. Falcon shape of wings rules out accipiters.

AGREEMENT/DISAGREEMENT OF OTHERS:

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Bright sun 90° off to my right as bird flew off to my leftDISTANCE: 200-600yds. (Estimated) EQUIPMENT: 15 X scope

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES: Have seen Pergrine about 6-7 times previously, Merlin about 5.

REFERENCES, PERSONS CONSULTED BEFORE WRITING DESCRIPTION: none

FIELD NOTES MADE? 5 minutes THIS FORM DONE? 17 May