

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Prairie Falcon How many? 2Location? # 3 east, 1 south of Larabee, IowaType of habitat? Rough rolling pastureland (bluff of the Little Sioux River)When? date(s): 7-28-87 time: 2-15pm to 2-25pmWho? your name and address: Marion M Brewer 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 falcon, crow sized, with pointed wings. they were perched on two 30ft. poles that were located at the top of a pasture land hill, this a very large pasture of more than 160 acres. A med brown colored bird, with buffy feather edges. Buffy streaked breast. ~~\*\*barred\*\*~~ A banded tail ending in **B** Buffy edge. A narrow whisker of about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch wide. I didn't see the dark wing linings. It was too large to be a merlin. It didn't have the wide whisker of a Peregrine falcon. If the picture ~~\*\*\*~~ in the Audubon Master Guide is accurate these were an exact duplicate.

Similar species and how eliminated: Merlin &amp; Peregrine (see above)

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
Sunny day, using a 15X45 spotting scope (window mount) at distance of an estimated 100 yards.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description: Audubon master guide  
Golden & Peterson & National Geographic.How long before field notes made? none this form completed? 2 1/2 hrs

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