

**DOCUMENTATION FORM**  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Osprey How many? 2

Location? Louisa National Wildlife Refuge, Goose Pond

Type of Habitat? Bottomland hardwood forest and open water (lake)

When? date(s): 2 on 12/8/86, 1 on 12/15/86 time: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Who? your name and address: Chet McCarty, Louisa NWR, R.R. 1, Wapello, IA 52653

Others with you: none

Others before or after you: none

*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 eagle-sized raptor, white head with dark band through eye, dark and small bill (compared to bald eagle), dark banded tail with light breast and under parts.

**Similar species; how eliminated:**

Not an eagle--head markings, tail markings, breast coloring

**Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification?** no

**If yes, explain:**

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

Excellent. Sun was at my back, estimated distance 1/4 mile or 400 yards. Used Bushnell scope with 15-45x ocular.

**Previous experience with species and similar ones:**

Hobby and professional experience for 16 years.

**References and persons consulted before writing description:**

None

**How long before field notes made? <sup>same day</sup> ~~observed~~ this form completed?** 1/20/87

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