

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species SWAINSON'S HAWK 2. Number: 3

3. Location HARTMAN RESERVE, CEDAR FALLS, (NESTING)

4. Date: APRIL 20 - ^{aug.} ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 24 5. Time Bird seen: 7:AM to 8:00 PM

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

APPROX. size AS Red Tailed Hawk, MALE HAD DISTINCT BROADLY BRIGHT CHESTNUT WITH BLACK SHAFT LINES ON CHEST, WHITE THROAT, CHIN + FOREHEAD TAIL HAD 9 or 10 dusky bands tinged hoary. Feet yellow, bill and claws bluish black. Female, ~~like~~ grayish brown other wise like male. IMMATURE HAD BARS down chest

7. Description of voice, if heard: Sounded Like Red Tailed Hawk (NOT AS HARSH)

8. Description of behavior: THE ADULTS + IMMATURE CIRCLED + SOARED ABOVE NESTING AREA

9. Habitat - general: CEDAR RIVER FLOOD PLAIN AREA, LOWLAND FOREST
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

Red Tailed Hawk, Rough Legged Hawk

1. Distance (how measured)? WALKED OFF IN YARDS 12. Optical equipment: 7X50 BINOC

3. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): EVERY KIND

4. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: SEEN ON WESTERN PLAINS.

5. Other observers: Russ Hayes, DEAN ROOSA, MARY DUFITSA, ANTOINETTE CAMMARATKA.

6. Did the others agree with your identification? YES

7. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Russ Hayes, Antoinette Cammarata.

8. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, ROGER TORY PETERSONS, A FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF AMERICA; Audubon society field guide to North American Birds

9. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 1 month

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