

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Peregrine Falcon How many? 1Location? Coralville Res., Johnson Co., IAType of habitat? Reservoir edge, wet fields, dead treesWhen? date(s): 10 Oct 1982 time: 9:00 to 9:15 (est)Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City IA 52240others with you: Carl Bendorf, Rick Hallis, Philip Gunnothers before or after you: Mike Neill, Carl Bendorf - 2 weeks earlier? same bird

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 slim raptor sitting in dead tree. Back and tail are dark (bluish). Top of head and face mark dark - well seen. Underpart light. Long narrow tail. Size, shape, facial mark, dark back/light underparts are basis of identification.

Similar species and how eliminated: Facial mark eliminates butor and accipiters. Dark color does not fit with Prairie Falcon. Axillaries not seen - did not fly.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Overcast. 1/4 mile (est), 50x & 20x scopes. 8x binocs.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Seen several times.References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 2 hrs this form completed? same

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