

What species? Peregrine Falcon How many? 1Location? North end of Sandy Point, Hawkeye Wildlife Area - Coraville Res.Type of habitat? River Bottom but completely open because of previous high water. Johnson Co., IowaWhen? date(s): 5-7-85 time: 7:15 PM to —Who? your name and address: Calvin A Bright 425 Lee City, Iowa City, Iowaothers with you: Bernieothers 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.

Because of the erratic actions of the thousands of shore birds passing and milling around I was keeping an eye skyward watching for a hawk. My attention was directed to a flying bird approaching at a tremendous speed; wing shape established it to be a falcon. It passed almost directly ^{overhead} about 100'. The underparts were quite light, the head showed a black cap with black sideburns into a white background. No barring was visible on the tail and the back of the bird was dark as it flew away.

Similar species and how eliminated: Am. Kestrel: But no rusty tail
Merlin: But no prominent tail barring;
 also, the peregrine showed the black cap with black sideburns on white background

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —If yes, explain: —

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

Bright Light passed almost directly overhead @ about 100'

10.40 B Binoc's

Previous experience with species and similar ones: We see the Peregrine almost every year in Iowa and have seen many times in Washington & California.References and persons consulted before writing description: see kestrel many times ea. yr. in Iowa, see merlin occasionally in Ia & many times in Wash.

None! Tom Kent
 How long before field notes made? 48 hrs this form completed? 5-9-85

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