

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Golden Eagle (immature) How many? 1Location? Rock township sec 36, Cherokee CountyType of habitat? Rolling hills with both pasture and crop landWhen? date(s): Feb. 27 1985 time: 1:45 PM to 1:55PMWho? your name and address: Marion M. Brewer RR 2 Cherokee, Ia. 51012others with you: Vernon Bierman

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 dark brown bird soaring over hillside pasture land, dark head, white tail ending with a dark band. White round patches on outer secondaries of under wing. A little white was showing on wing linings. Was first seen close to the ground but soon gained altitude and distance, moving NW.

This was a different bird than was documented on Feb. 6 1985. The white wing linings were much smaller ~~on~~ on this later eagle.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Bald Eagle, white banded tail and white wing linings, dark head

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

Clear day, viewed at a estimated distance of 100 yards with 15X45 power spotting scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Many trips to Wyoming

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson, Golden and Audubon field guides.

How long before field notes made? 3 hours this form completed? 18 Hours

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