

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Prairie Falcon How many? 1Location? 1/2 m. S of 210<sup>th</sup> + Cardinal, Cerro Gordo Co.Type of habitat? Dead Cottonwood in Farmland (Open)When? date(s): 2-22-97 time: 11:30 AM to 11:33 AMWho? your name and address: Rob Thelen, 1744 Salinger, Carroll, IA, 51401others with you: Joe Clark, Carroll, Iowaothers before or after you: NA

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.

- Overall color was a light brown or pale brown
- It's head was marked with a mustache going from its eye to the neck area.
- Breast was streaked (not heavy). When this Bird flew I was able to clearly see the black arm-pits. This bird was about crow size it had pointed wings. Its flight was straight and fast.

Similar species and how eliminated:

This Falcon had the Dark Arm-pitsDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Cloudy. est. 40 yds. Windriver 8x42 binocularsPrevious experience with species and similar ones: have seen several - Peregrine I saw one last year, but didn't see arm-pits

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Ed ThelenHow long before field notes made? 10 min. this form completed? 1 dayMAIL TO: T. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City IA 52240