

What species? Northern Goshawk How many? 1 ad.Location? 3 mi. S. of Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co.Type of habitat? Open field edge along Wapsipinicon RiverWhen? date(s): January 22, 1984 time: 8:30 to 8:35Who? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 336 Fairfield St., Waterloo, IA 50703others with you: Bob Myersothers before or after you: None

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.

A large hawk, size of a Red-tailed Hawk, when it flew I knew it was a large accipiter by characteristic flight patterns; flap, flap, soar, etc. with a very long tail. As the bird flew and after it had landed the undertail coverts were clearly visible and looked as though they were hanging. The large white eyestripe was clearly visible.

Similar species and how eliminated: Cooper's Hawk does not have wide, bold, white eyestripe or fluffy undertail coverts. Sharp-shinned Hawk is a lot smaller than this bird was.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
Excellent viewing conditions, sunny, bright at approx. 50 yards at closest with Bushnell 20x60 Spacemaster Scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen many N. Goshawk in last few years.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 2 hrs. this form completed? 10 hrs.