

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species NORTHERN GOSHAWK 2. Number: 2
3. Location SEC. 16, SIOUX TOWNSHIP, PLYMOUTH COUNTY
4. Date: 2-13-82 5. Time Bird seen: 0700 to 0730
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
BROWN BACK, BUFFY, BROWN STREAKED BREAST - ZIG ZAG BANDS ON TAIL UNDERSIDE, DISCERNIBLE WHITE STRIPE OVER EYE. LONG TAIL, FLAPS & GLIDES, FLIES THROUGH BRUSH THAT WOULD STALL A BOBWHITE, LARGE 36"+ WINGSPREAD
7. Description of voice, if heard: -
8. Description of behavior: TYPICALLY UNAFRAID, CHASES PHEASANTS WITH ABANDON
9. Habitat - general: SMALL TREES, BRUSH
specific: WINDBREAK & WEEDY FIELD, BEST PHEASANT HABITAT IN IOWA
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
MUCH LARGER THAN COOPERS WHICH FREQUENTLY HARASSES FEEDER BIRDS
11. Distance (how measured)? 20' → 200 M EST. 12. Optical equipment: 8x40
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
UNDER ALL CONDITIONS
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
SINCE OCTOBER THIS BIRD HAS BEEN IN MY YARD AT LEAST 1 & OFTEN 2-3 TIMES A WEEK
15. Other observers: NONE
16. Did the others agree with your identification?
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
PETERSON FIELD GUIDE
9. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? THE HAWK I'VE WRITTEN THIS DESCRIPTION EVERY TIME I'VE SEEN SINCE OCT.
- Signature Larry K. Starnell Address: R/R 1
- Date: 2-13-82 City, State: WESTFIELD, IOWA 51062

Tom - from the hawk survey - Dean Ross