

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Golden Eagle (immature) How many? 1Location? 2 miles NE of Washta on 31Type of habitat? Woodland edgeWhen? date(s): Feb. 6 & 12 1985 time: 3:15 to 3:20 also 10:45 AM on 12thWho? your name and address: Marion M. Brewer

others with you: \_\_\_\_\_

others before or after you: Vernon Bierman & I on the 12th

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 very large brown bird, soaring low over road and tree tops. The golden head was seen without optical aid, white ~~the~~ wing linings, which were  $3/4$  length of the wings, white tail that was tipped with wide dark band. Was seen both perched and soaring.

Similar species and how eliminated:

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

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
Viewed at 150 feet to 100 yards with 7 power binoculars and 15 X 45 power spotting scope. Clear day's seen from many directions.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: 20 years of hunting in Wyoming.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson, Golden & Audubon field guides.

How long before field notes made? 2 hours this form completed? 2 hours

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