

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

6/4/80

JARDINE

- ✓ 1. Species COOPERS HAWK 2. Number 1
3. Location RUSH LAKE, LAURENS, IOWA
4. Date: 5-2-80 5. Time Bird Seen: 7:00AM to 7:05AM
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): BIRD WAS VERY CLOSE TO CROW SIZE. AREA UNDER EYE WAS GRAY/BROWN FROM BEAK TO WELL BEHIND EYE. BREAST WAS REDDISH STRIPED. UNDERSIDE OF TAIL WAS MARKED WITH INTERRUPTED BLACK BARS. FEET WERE NOT SEEN. BIRD WAS PHOTOGRAPHED SHOWING BREAST, RIGHT SIDE OF HEAD, UNDERSIDE OF TAIL. ALL OF TAIL TIP CANNOT BE SEEN BUT IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT TAIL IS NOTCHED. THIS WAS A LARGE BIRD. LARGER I BELIEVE THAN A SHARP SHINNED.
7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT HEARD.
8. Description of behavior: SAT ON TREE LIMB FACING NORTH.
9. Habitat - general: WOODS BORDERING FARM FIELD & LAKE.
specific: TREE ON SLOPE, 30' HIGH IN A 40' TREE.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8.
Explain: SHARP SHINNED.
11. Distance (how measured)? 100' ESTIMATED. 12. Optical equipment: 7X35 BINOC.
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
SUN RISING IN EAST. I WAS EAST OF THE BIRD.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
NONE
15. Other observers: NONE.
16. Did the others agree with your identification? YES. BIRD WAS PHOTOGRAPHED & SLIDE STUDIED.
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: RAY CUMMINS
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: GOLDEN GUIDE TO FIELD ID OF NO. AM. BIRDS, PETERSON FIELD GUIDE, AUDUBON FIELD GUIDE. } SLIDE WAS COMPARED TO THESE BOOKS.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
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