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BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

Species Northern Goshawk 2. Number: One

Location town of Oxford, Johnson County, Iowa

Date: January 22, 1978 5. Time Bird seen: 3 p.m. to _____

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): I identified this bird by his flight, by the general lightness of the plumage, by his size, and because of close familiarity with this species, because for two winters we had a resident Goshawk in the same location. The other individuals of this species are identified closely by the line from the eye, which looks like a streak on the side of the head. I did not have glasses and could not see the head streak on this specimen, but because of familiarity with this species, I feel extremely confident about this identification. The only bird I could confuse it with would be the Coopers Hawk, and this specimen was far too large and too light-colored for that.

Description of voice, if heard: None

Description of behavior: Bird observed from top of hill; it flew around bottom of hill and was in view for several minutes.

Habitat - general: Extensive open pasture with groves of trees.
specific:

Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain: I stated above why it was not a Coopers Hawk.

Distance (how measured)? Estimated at 200 yards 12. Optical equipment: None

Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): Sun behind me, shining on bird.

Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: See above.

Other observers: Another observer was with me and concurred with identification.

Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

Other observers who independently identified this bird: None.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: I have not checked any of this against any book.

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? nine days

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Signature _____

Date: February 3, 1978 City, State: Iowa City, Iowa 5224