

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? PEREGRINE FALCON - IMMATURE
Location? WEST SPENCER, CLAY CO., IA.
Type of habitat? WOODED FLOODPLAIN BETWEEN LITTLE STOUX + CHEYDAN RIVERS
When? date(s): 5/5/91 Time: . 6:15 - 7:00 PM

Who? your name and address
LEE A. SCHOENEWE 518 W. 4th ST SPENCER, IA.

Others with you NANCY P. SCHOENEWE

Others before and after you NONE

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior. I NOTICED A LARGE FALCON SOARING OVER THE RIVER, GRABBED BINOCULARS AND OBSERVED FROM A SECOND STORY DECK. A GROUP OF CROWS WAS HARASSING AN UNKNOWN PREDATOR IN THE TREES ACROSS THE RIVER, AND THE FALCON JOINED IN, MAKING REPEATED DIVES AND WAS ALSO CHASED BY SEVERAL CROWS. THE SIZE COMPARISON WAS OBVIOUS & THE BIRD MADE TWO DOZEN DIVES OVER 45 MINUTES. THE MOUSTACHE WAS EVIDENT AND THE BREAST WAS STREAKED AND BUFF COLORED. THE HEAD + BACK WERE UNIFORMLY DARK BROWN

Similar species and how eliminated:
PRAIRIE FALCON - LACKED DARK UNDERWING PATCH + HAD DARK HEAD + MOUSTACHE

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?

If yes, explain: NO

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: OVERCAST; 100 YARDS + LESS 10X50 BINOCULARS

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:
LIFE LIST INCLUDES ALL FALCONS EXCEPT GYR FALCON

References and persons consulted before writing description:
PETERSON FIELD GUIDES USED REGULARLY E. BIRDS + HAWKS

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY
this form completed? 1 MONTH

Mail original form to field editor for this season.