

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

12/3/80

BALD

JARDINE

1. Species BALD GOLDEN EAGLE 2. Number 1
 3. Location SUNKEN GROVE, POCAHONTAS COUNTY
 4. Date: 11-29-80 5. Time Bird Seen: 9:00 AM to 9:03 AM
 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 SEEN FROM UNDERNEATH WITH SLIGHT ANGLE TO THE BIRDS RIGHT. BEAK WAS DARK YELLOW, WING SPAN WAS ABOUT 7', LEADING EDGE OF WING (UNDERSIDE) WAS VERY DARK, ~~BEAK~~ BODY & REST OF WING WAS DARK BUT NOT AS DARK AS LEADING EDGE. MOST OF BODY & UNDERSIDE OF WING APPEARED TO BE VARYING SHADES OF DARK BROWN. BIRD WAS PHOTOGRAPHED.
 7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT HEARD
 8. Description of behavior: SOARING, GLIDING
 9. Habitat - general: WOODS AROUND LAKE
specific: EDGE OF WOODS AROUND LAKE.
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8. Explain:
 11. Distance (how measured)? ESTIMATED 50' ALTITUDE NEARLY OVERHEAD.
 12. Optical equipment: 10X50 BUSHNELL BINOC.
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): BRIGHT SUN, CLOUDLESS SKY
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: IMMATURE BALD EAGLE
 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: PETERSONS & GOLDEN BOOK - CONFIRMATION
 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? SAME DAY
- Signature: J. Jardine Address: RR 2 BOX 9
Date: 11-29-80 City, State: POCAHONTAS, IA 50574

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show Bald
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