

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Goshawk How many? 1Location? Hartman Reserve Waterloo - Cedar FallsType of habitat? deciduous wood: mixed mature and second growth trees with a few conifers. open grassy fields near by.When? date(s): November 26 1983 time: 3:00 pm to _____Who? your name and address: Tom Staudt 931 N. Summit Iowa City 52240others with you: noneothers before or after you: none

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.

Large head held forward of bend in wings. Head had white strip above eye, dark crown, and dark wide strip through the eye.

Upper parts a uniform slate gray.

Undersparts light gray/off white with some dark flecks.

Body tapered back from wide breast area to narrower rump.

Tail long narrow jaggedly banded.

Wings ~~are~~ rounded. Wingbeat strong, wings held somewhat rigid in flight.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Falcons have long pointed wings. Other accipiters are smaller, don't have the white eye line.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

overcast, sun obscured by clouds

first seen 20'-35' straight about
me. flying away

7x binoculars
unaided eye

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Previous sightings of Goshawk Two of Merlin

References and persons consulted before writing description:

The National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America was looked at later that day.

How long before field notes made? NOTES made im- this form completed? NOV. 29, 1983
mediately after observation.

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