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DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Goshawk How many? 1 (imm.)

Location? Sweet Marsh - Bremer Co.

Type of habitat? Evergreen grove

When? date(s): Nov. 11 time: 9:30 AM to 9:31 AM.

Who? your name and address: Robert K. Myers 1236 Sylvia Ave. Waterloo, Iowa 50201

others with you: none

others 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.

We certainly don't get excited about Goshawks and I wonder why details of the I.D. wouldn't be enough. Never-the-less The marks that led to my I.D. were:

1. Very large (big as red-tail) accipiter (very long tail)
2. Brownish above ~~with~~ ^{and} lighter below with very heavy brown streaking.
3. White eye line above eye - although not as vivid as in some imm. I've seen.
4. Undertail coverts are very fluffy (they actually came up around the sides of base of tail). I think this is a good ~~mark~~ mark as I haven't noticed it in the Coopers.

Similar species and how eliminated: Imm. Cooper's

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
About 50' yd. (stepped off) - B&L 7X35 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: We have had quite a few Goshawks in the past few years

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? NONE MADE this form completed? 2 weeks

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