

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Golden Eagle How many? 1Location? Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson CoType of habitat? skyWhen? date(s): 10 March 1985 time: 3 PM to \_\_\_\_\_Who? your name and address: Rick Moller/nc

others with you: \_\_\_\_\_


others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Bird came soaring along ridge. It was in view for  $\sim 45'$   
 + I never saw it flap. I never saw the bird from any place  
 but below.

It was quite large - my first guess was Turkey Vulture, but  
 it was too large, too ~~dark~~ dark underneath + didn't look right.

The wings were broad + the outermost ~~primaries~~ primaries were slotted.

The primaries + secondaries ~~are~~ were lighter than the forward  
 side of underwing (Underwing Coverts?). There was some  
 barring on the  $f + 2^o$ , like .

There was no white on the underside of the bird.

The tail seemed on the long side

Similar species and how eliminated:

The above description eliminates Bald Eagle imm + Turkey Vult.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? -

If yes, explain:

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

~~Closest~~ approach 30' directly overhead

7x35<sup>1</sup> Binocs

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen several Golden's before

References and persons consulted before writing description: Geog. Guide was looked

How long before field notes made? 1 hour this form completed? 1 week, direct