

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? peregrine falcon How many? 1Location? Half-Moon Lake, Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Johnson Co, IAType of habitat? oxbow lake surrounded by dead trees, willow scrubWhen? date(s): 9 27 time: 11:30 AM to 12:15 PMWho? your name and address: M Newtonothers with you: John Cordell, James Huntingtonothers before or after you: Cal + Bernie Knight, Pete Wickham

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.

Size: about that of crow
 proportions: compact, big chest, long wings, long square tail, big head, short neck.
 crown + nape dark, face white; dark of crown coming down in a broad bar
 through eye
 upperparts dark blue-grey, wing + tail nearly black. no pale feather edging at
 25x but under Cox very fine pale edging to back feathers, and upper
 parts feathers with dark transverse bars on blue-grey background.
 underparts not visible.
 Bill dark, cere yellow.

Similar species and how eliminated: shape clearly falconiform. Blue-grey coloration, wide dark facial bar indicate peregrine.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
100 yds est. 25x60 + 60x150 mm scopesPrevious experience with species and similar ones: never seen all large NA falcon.References and persons consulted before writing description: →How long before field notes made? on spot this form completed? 12-06

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