

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Osprey How many? 1Location? 1 mile North of Ingham Lake, Emmet CountyType of habitat? Open farmland north of Ingham LakeWhen? date(s): March 25, 1984 time: 10:30 to 10:45 (remained perched)Who? your name and address: Harold White, Estherville, Iowa W502 N 7th St 51334others with you: Jean Greene, Estherville, Iowa ; Brad Bergesen, Estherville, Iowa

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.

First saw Osprey when it flew across road in front of car about 20 yards away, saw long wings with crook and white wing areas (large) almost in primaries, white breast area, followed with binoculars (8.5x44) to perch in top of large tree about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Continued observation with 20x60 scope. Saw dominant white around head and breast with dark area around eye. While perched was mobbed by two crows.

(no sound or call heard) Approximate size of Red Tail Hawk; tail above was gray; flew with alternating glide and flap, while gliding held wings arched, not flat

Similar species and how eliminated: Immature bald eagle would be larger without crook in wings, white wing linings would not be as large an area

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

observed flying north, sun was south and east, good sunlight

Binoculars: 8.5x44 Scope 20x60

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen immature bald eaglesin northeast Iowa and once at Ingham Lake; only Osprey was seen last November onReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Mexican coast, State of Oaxaca

NONE: After examining field guide, best showing of underside of wings is Aud. Master Guide

How long before field notes made? Immediately this form completed? 4:30 p.m. same day

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