

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Peregrine Falcon 2. Number 1
3. Location Sweet Marsh - Bremer Co. - (east side)
4. Date: 4-15-84 5. Time Bird Seen: 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM then 11:00 AM to 11:15 AM
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
- Note - We also saw what was probably the same bird on May 12 + 14 in same area.
1. Crow size bird with long narrow pointed wings and narrow tail.
  2. Blue-gray on back with dark hood over face.
  3. "Mustache" marks on sides of head were very obvious.
  4. Upper breast + throat was lighter and appeared clean.
  5. Lower breast + belly was light with darker cross-markings.
  6. Feet were large and yellow.
7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT Heard
8. Description of behavior: 1. First time was feeding on a crow on a muskrat house.  
2. Other times perched in top of dead tree.  
3. Once was chasing shorebirds.
9. Habitat - general: Open marshy area.  
specific: Bird likes to perch in top of dead trees in middle of large marshy area where it commands excellent view of a big area.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain: Too big for a Merlin and Too dark for a Prairie Falcon.
11. Distance (how measured)? 30 to 150 yd.
12. Optical equipment: 7X35 binoculars  
Scopos at 25X, 33X + 55X
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): First time was overcast but we did view it in bright sun.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: I have seen one other Peregrine.
15. Other observers: Francis Moore and one day our entire field Trip got to view bird through scopos as it perched in tree.
16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes.
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: None were needed.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 1 1/2 months
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