

## DOCUMENTATION FORM

## Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species Northern Harrier - dilute plumage or  
 Location Brenton Slough partial albino  
 Habitat \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date(s) 11/4/88 Time 11 am to 11:02 am  
 Name and Address Jim Sinclair, 810 North B St  
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 Other observers \_\_\_\_\_

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 behavior and voice.

♂ Northern Harrier - back light mouse gray extending to upperwing coverts - white rump patch - dorsal view of tail was a dull white with some dark flecks which made the dark subterminal tail band look that much darker. Light gray extended to lead. Primaries were white with a grey wash again accentuating the dark tips. Ventral view was almost entirely white including up into the neck and face, except for the ends of the primaries which were black.

Similar species and how eliminated:

First impression was of a first year ring-billed gull!

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? bill gull!

If yes, explain:

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

75 yds, good lighting - Bushnell 7x50  
observed hovering and flying

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

National Geographic Field Guide

How long before field notes made? 1 hour. How long before this form

completed? 1 hour