

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Peregrine Falcon How many? 1Location? Otter Creek M.Type of habitat? MarshWhen? date(s): 14 May 1984 time: 6 AM to 6:01 AM (est)Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City IA 52240others with you: Ross Selovek, Tom Standt

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.

A large falcon flew over the marsh - heavy body, pointed wings, long narrow tail. Roughly crow-sized - no birds available for comparison. Upper parts all dark gray, underparts white (light gray). Prominent black facial marks behind eyes. Axillaries light colored. The bird flew back and forth over the marsh in a continuous shallow wing beats - rather direct flight. Not heard.

Similar species and how eliminated: Shape and flight exclude butor + accipiter.
Facial mark, light axillaries, + size disregarded.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Clear, mostly back lighting, 75-150 yds (est), 10x binocsPrevious experience with species and similar ones: have seen several.References and persons consulted before writing description: noneHow long before field notes made? 1 day this form completed? 1 day

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