

Middlewestern Prairie Region  
(Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio)

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species PRAIRIE FALCON 2. Number: 1
3. Location SE 1/4 Sec. 6 T98N - R34W TWELVE MILE LARGE TOWNSHIP
4. Date: Jan. 27 1982 5. Time Bird seen: 12:35 pm to 12:50 pm
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):
- long tail  
wings pointed  
Black patches under wings  
white line above eye  
banded tail
- light brown color  
helmeted face pattern but not as strong as peregrine.  
near body  
Rapid wing beat
7. Description of voice, if heard:
8. Description of behavior: Perched on electrical pole for about 13 minutes. Then flew to within 25 yds. of back of car. Then landed on another pole about 250 yds away.
9. Habitat - general:  
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:  
Peregrine Falcon
11. Distance (how measured)? 100 yds. estimate. 1st pole from car on road.
12. Optical equipment: Bausche & Lomb 7x50 Nikon 9x35 Bausche & Lomb 20x spotting scope Bausche & Lomb Zoom 60mm Telescope seen at 35x.
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): Thin overcast, full light, no shadows, excellent color
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: This spp. has been observed a number of other times before both observers
15. Other observers: Bob & Barb Moats
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: Petersen's Field Guide Did not influence but merely corroborated what we already knew.
9. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 4 hrs.
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- Mr & Mrs. Robert Moats (Bob & Barb)