

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Red-shouldered Hawk 2. Number: 1
3. Location Sec. 32-Jefferson Twp-Madison County
4. Date: Jan 20, 1984 5. Time Bird seen: 2:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.

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):

Rusty-red breast-Barred, Tail fairly long with Larger black band on the end. Narrower bands of black and white up the Tail. Larger than an accipiter. White marks on the folded wings.

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: Perched on a limb watching some prey. Flushed and flew low to the ground for a short way. Perched again.

9. Habitat - general: wooded area
specific: was on edge of a 30 acre wooded area with Small cedars + multiflora rose under brush.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

Sharp-shinned
Cooper's
Red-tail

11. Distance (how measured)? 100 Ft EST.

12. Optical equipment: 7x35

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): Good light - sun to the S.W. Viewed the bird looking to the N.W. Buennell Bin. and 20 pm scope

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Had seen several the first of the month in Texas

15. Other observers:

Eugene Armstrong & Dennis Thompson

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

Yes - Eugene helped in I.D.

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Robbins - Woody Brown's ann. list.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? next day

Eloise Armstrong

Signature

Address: _____

Date: Jan. 21, 1984 City, State: Booneville, Ia. 50038

Seen on Jan. 21 in the afternoon by Eugene and Dennis T.