

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Nerby (imm) How many? 1Location? Big Sand Mound Muscatine Co.Type of habitat? extensive sandy prairie w/ scattered small treesWhen? date(s): 9-8-84 time: 130 to 140 PMWho? your name and address: M Newton 408 W. St Iowa Cityothers with you: m. ob. (most of Iowa Meeting)

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.

Small falcon, $\sim 1/4$ x larger than kestrel.
 above: uniform dark brown, wings dark above, tail with alternate dark/H. bands.
 below pale, streaked. no conspicuous 'moustache'

1st seen perched in top of sapling, stopped at by pair of kestrels - flew off, perched once in top of another tree, flew on, circled over tree line

Similar species and how eliminated: falcon shape, banded tail, lack of distinct face pattern yield ID

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
 partly cloudy, light at initial sighting good, worse later.
 100 - 400 yds (est.)
 25x60 Bushnell scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones: seen manyReferences and persons consulted before writing description: noneHow long before field notes made? 9/10 this form completed? 10/24

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