

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?Northern Goshawk

How Many?1 ad.

Location?1 mile s. of Ames, Story Co.

Habitat?flew across road and landed in a tree

Date?9 Nov 1986

Time?2:15-2:18 P.M.

Observers Name and address:Steve Dinsmore, Ames

Others who saw bird:none

Description of bird:As the bird zipped across the road, I could see the large size, long tail and rather long, broad wings. The bird then landed in a tree about 75 yards off the road and I stopped and put the scope on it. The bird was dark gray on the back and wings and lighter gray underneath. The long tail was marked with several wavy bands. The undertail coverts were very white and quite conspicuous. The face was dark gray with a white line above the eye.

Similar species and how eliminated:The large size(larger than a crow which landed nearby), gray underparts, and white eyebrow eliminates Cooper's and Sharp-shinned hawks.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Viewing conditions were excellent with the sun overhead. Estimated viewing distance was about 75 yards on the perched bird. I used a Bushnell 20-45x spotting scope.

Previous experience with species:I have seen several Northern Goshawks in Iowa in the last two years.

References consulted:none

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?3 hours