

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

HARMS

1. Species Halden Eagle (Immature) 2. Number 1
3. Location Sparks State Park, Parkersburg Co.
4. Date: 28 Sept 80 5. Time Bird Seen: 1:30 to 1:32 ± 30 sec.
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):

I was talking to Roy Cumming this AM. and he said we should report this sighting. The white on the wing was larger than shown in the book, but a Halden Eagle was all it could be.

7. Description of voice, if heard:
8. Description of behavior: It sailed toward me, looked at me briefly & sailed away
9. Habitat - general:
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8. Explain:
11. Distance (how measured)? 12. Optical equipment:
not needed, naked eye
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Clear from beneath
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
15. Other observers: Pat Harms, Don Winkler
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: Petermann field guide checked on the spot
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
Signature: Ronald Harms Address: _____
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