

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

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD. ✓

1. Species Cooper's Hawk (Immature) 2. Number: 1

3. Location Mill Creek State Park, 1 mi. W. of Deullina, O'Brien Co., IA.

4. Date: Sept. 19, 1985 5. Time Bird seen: 11:14 to 11:16 AM

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):

Slightly smaller than crow, Dark Brown head, back, dorsal side of tail. Undersides light (nearly white) with vertical streaks from neck (throat) to abdomen. Underside of tail faintly showing horizontal bars. Broad, short wings & long, slightly fanned and rounded tail.

7. Description of voice, if heard: None

8. Description of behavior: hunting; Flying in alternate "Flap & glide" pattern

9. Habitat - general: along edge of park woods & cornfield.
specific:

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

Sharp-shinned Hawk - smaller, slimmer, squared tail.

11. Distance (how measured)? 300 yds. (estimated)

12. Optical equipment:

7x25 Bushnell Ensign Binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Sunny; Sun almost overhead; bird seen to north with direct light

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

Have observed this species often in Minnesota; Sharp-shins seen almost annually in NW Iowa

15. Other observers: None

16. Did the others agree with your identification? —

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: —

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

Birds of N. America (Chandler, Robbins, et al)

Field Guide to the Birds of East. N. Am. (Peterson)

} both latest editions

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? about 2 hours

Signature

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