

## DOCUMENTATION FORM

## Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species Northern Goshawk - immatureLocation Tailwater area - Red Rock DamHabitat Deciduous bottomlandDate(s) 11/25/84 Time 8:30 a.m. toName and Address Jim Sinclair, 810 North B, Indianola, Iowa 50125Other observers David Youngblut, Paul Felsing

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 behavior and voice.

Red-tail size, accipiter shape, mottled brown wings and back, streaked brown breast - flight strong purposeful.

Similar species and how eliminated: accipiter shape - rounded wings, long tail, strong direct flight - wing shape and tail length eliminated buteo - size was too great for Coopers.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: Neither of the other observers have experience with this species

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured); and optical equipment: Cloudy - bird flew past at a diagonal - closest distance approx 50 ft. lighting was fair - bird observed by eye.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have observed Northern Goshawks both sitting and in flight.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? \_\_\_\_\_ . How long before this form

completed? 12 hours