

Info taken by phone

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Goshawk - Ad ♀ How many? 1

Location? Credit Island, Davenport, IA

Type of Habitat? open woodland along Miss. River

When? date(s): Dec. 18, 1988 time: 12:30 to 12:31

Who? your name and address: Ed Timper, 1441 23rd St, Bettendorf, IA 52725

Others with you: —

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Large accipiter, gray above + barred gray below.
White eye line noted, Tail barred light + dark gray.

Similar species; how eliminated: Cooper's Hawk - smaller, no distinctive white eye line

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Sun nearly behind observer, bird about 50 yards away est
7X35 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: As a licensed Falconer the observer is quite familiar with all hawks

References and persons consulted before writing description: none needed.

How long before field notes made? — this form completed? 7 hrs.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).