

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species NORTHERN GOSHAWK 2. Number 1
3. Location 3 N.W. of Cherokee
4. Date: 1-11-83 5. Time Bird Seen: 2:45 to 2:47

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):

A crow sized, very long + straight tail.
Light gray underparts with steel
gray on top, head, back + wings

7. Description of voice, if heard: —

8. Description of behavior: made two passes below tree tops

in valley which had lots of birds in it.
9. Habitat - general: viewed in valley of pine trees
next to a lot of bird feeders, with lots of
specific: small birds around

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

11. Distance (how measured)?

100 yds Estimated

12. Optical equipment:

7 X 35 Binoocular

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

Sunny day with light behind me

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

1 other sighting

15. Other observers:

VERNON BIERMAN - New Birder

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:

Peterson + Golden Field guide

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

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Date: 1-12-83 City, State: Cherokee, Ia