

What species? Cooper's Hawk How many? 1
Location? Story Co., T-82N, R-22W, Sec 6, NW 1/4
Type of Habitat? Indian Creek, woods on west
When? date(s): 12-19-98 time: 9:30 AM to 9:32 AM
Who? your name and address: Bruce Ehvesman 3123 Story St Ames 50014
Others with you: Liessa Thomas, Marlene Ehvesman
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.

We were trying to I.D. songbirds in a giant ragweed patch when this fast flying raptor came into view and tried to catch a flying songbird. The raptor was crow size, brownish above, long barred tail, short rounded wings, strong flier. Could not see underside. Raptor disappeared from view and then reappeared $\frac{1}{4}$ mi away flap, flap, gliding across creek bottom toward woods. Appeared to be immature bird, since it lacked the gray upper body coloration of an adult.

Similar species; how eliminated:

was too large for Sharp shinned hawk, did not have white rump patch of harrier. Too large to be merlin and wing shape & flight pattern different than merlin (this bird had rounded wings and flew in flap-flap-glide pattern as it left the area).

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Overcast; ~40yds; watched w/ 8x42 Binocs. Guessed distance.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have rehabilitated injured Cooper's Hawks; have done nest research on Cooper's H; have looked at hundreds of Cooper's Hawks during Fall Hawk watches and while in the field.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Consulted Robbins et al., A Guide to Field Identification - Birds of N. America

How long before field notes made? later in day this form completed? 2 days later

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