

Spring 1994 Field Reports
Dale Stone - Lake City, IA

DOCUMENTATION

Species: Peregrine Falcon

Date: May 15, 1994

Location: Ice House Point, Black Hawk Lake, Lake View, Iowa

Description: I was birding near the lake around 8:00 p.m. on May 15, 1994 when I noticed a falcon-like bird chasing a few pigeons near the shore and then suddenly turn and land in a large cottonwood tree.

In flight this bird had the pointed wings and long tail of a falcon.

I located the bird in the cottonwood where it remained for 15+ minutes. Through my binoculars I could see distinctly the "heavy black sideburns" characteristic of this bird. It was much larger than its relative the American Kestrel. By its size, strong patterned "sideburns," and streamlined look in-flight, I determined it to be a Peregrine Falcon.

I reported my finding to the State Park answering machine and never received a return call.