

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Peregrine Falcon - late date How many? 1Location? Hawkeye Wildlife Area - Sand Point RoadType of habitat? woodlot edge opening to Reservoir back waterWhen? date(s): December 2 1984 time: 10:45 Am to Who? your name and address: Thomas J. Standt 517 Dearborn Iowa City, 52240others with you: noneothers before or after you: none

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 voice and behavior.

Briefly seen with 20x scope. Dark "football helmet" facial pattern observed. Almost blue jay blue upperparts noted.

In flight the long sharply pointed wings, strong swift flight and lighter underparts were observed with 7x binoculars.

The bird was first seen perched near the top of a bare tree on the edge of a woodlot.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Facial pattern eliminates other falcons.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

light - to overcast

80 - 100 yds est.

7x binoculars

20x scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

1-3 yearly sightings for past 4 years.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Iowa Birds - checked dateHow long before field notes made? 15 min this form completed? one week

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