

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

Lucas

What species? Peregrine Falcon How many? 1

Location? Four miles north of Lucas, Iowa

Type of habitat? open field

When? date(s): December 19, 1981 time: 12:00 to 12:03 p.m.

Who? your name and address: Bill Gilbert, RR 2, Indianola, Iowa 50125

others with you: didn't get good sighting

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Crow size, pointed wings, narrow tail. Dark eye, all dark on head and back of neck, dark back. White speckled breast and xxxxx belly; light colored. Had side burns under the eye. Light throat. Narrow tail and pointed falcon wing. Light under tail. Quick wing beats like pigeon.

Similar species and how eliminated: Distinctive size, didn't see black underarm patches and could detect definite color markings on breast to separate from prairie falcon

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Diffused light, sun under cloud, not looking into sun, flew over car 30 yds. overhead and away, used binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen peregrines in East and Florida

References and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson's and Birds of North America

How long before field notes made? same day this form completed? January 7, 1982

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