

What species? Northern Goshawk How many? 1Location? Mann Wilderness - Iowa River Greenbelt - (Hardin Co.)Type of habitat? Mixed woodlands - large pine plantings and deciduous treesWhen? date(s): March 1, 1986 time: 4:30 pm. to 4:31 pm. (approximately)Who? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Liscomb, Iowaothers with you: Beth Proescholdt

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.

Mom and I were walking through some large pine trees looking for owls when she saw a large hawk on the ground in the next pine group ahead. It flew up into the pines and had a long tail. We split up and went on both sides of the pines and then saw a large bird fly. As we came toward the end of the pines, a large hawk the size of a redtail was perched in the top of a deciduous tree. It took off immediately and flew around me. Mom was on the other side of the pines and did not see it. The bird was large and had big powerful wings. It was lightish-colored underneath and slaty-gray on its back and topside which I saw for some time as it flew away. I'm pretty certain but not positive that I saw a white line above its eye as it flew beside me. The bird flapped constantly as it flew from its perch in the tree until I lost sight of it as it flew toward some large pine trees.

Similar species and how eliminated: An adult Cooper's Hawk is not as large as this bird and has reddish streaking on its breast and belly.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? Yes, I did at first. I wished I could have had one or two more good looks at the bird.

If yes, explain: But as I considered what I saw and realized no other hawk had these markings, I'm certain it was an adult Goshawk that we saw.

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

7X26 Binoculars; Sunny with light behind me; when perched in tree - 30 yards away very approximately. It flew beside me probably 20 yards away and flew away (40 yards till lost from view).

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen several adult Goshawks and a number of Cooper's Hawks.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Natl. Geog. Birds of N. America, Robbins' Birds of N. America

How long before field notes made? about 5½ hours this form completed? March 1, 1986

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