

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? ALBINO BARRED OWL How many? 1Location? CLAY TOWNSHIP - HARDIN COUNTYType of habitat? MIXED WOODLAND AND FIELDSWhen? date(s): 6 NOVEMBER 1986 time: 4:15PM to 4:45PMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITYothers with you: CAL & BERNIE KNIGHTothers before or after you: PHYLIS HARRIS, M+B PROESCHOLDT

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.

THIS OWL WAS FOUND PERCHED IN A TREE IN A GULLY ABOUT '10' OFF THE GROUND. GENERAL SIZE WAS LARGER AND STOCKIER THAN A LONG OR SHORT EARED AND SMALLER THAN MOST GREAT HORNED OWLS. IT WAS PURE WHITE OVER ENTIRE BODY, EXCEPT FOR A FAINT FACIAL DISK AND MOUSTACHE. THE BEAK WAS BRIGHT YELLOW AND LARGE, AND THE EYES WERE DARK - BROWN OR BLACK - DEPENDING ON THE LIGHT. THE HEAD WAS EVENLY ROUNDED (NOT FLAT). HABITAT WAS THAT OF A BARRED OWL, AND WITHIN A HALF TO 3/4 MILE OF THE IOWA RIVER GREENBELT. VOICE WAS NOT HEARD.

Similar species and how eliminated:

SNOWY OWL HAS SMALL BLACK BEAK, YELLOW EYES, AND FLATTER HEAD. ALSO HABITAT.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

CLEAR & SUN STILL SHINING. VIEWED BIRD TO SOUTH WITH SUN IN WEST. 80 TO 100 FEET WITH 9X36 BINOCULARS AND 20X SPOTTING SCOPE

Previous experience with species and similar ones: NOReferences and persons consulted before writing description: AUDUBON MASTER, PETERSON + NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC GUIDESHow long before field notes made? 3 HRS. this form completed? 3 HRS

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