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DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Osprey How many? 1

Location? Iowa side of Mississippi River from Rock Is/condit.

Type of Habitat? River edge - in a cottonwood

When? date(s): Dec. 20, 1992 time: 9:40 to 9:45 AM

Who? your name and address: Doris Sandvick - Box 187 - R.R. 1, Long Grove IA

Others with you: Carol Rogers 52758

Others before or after you: none to our knowledge

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Large raptor, about  $\frac{1}{3}$  smaller than Bald Eagles perched in same tree. Back dark brown, white below (chest + belly). Head white on top, dark thru eye forming mask. Build more slim than eagles + sat more horizontal than eagles. seemed to have or show a longer neck.

Similar species; how eliminated: Red-tailed Hawk - this bird too large, back entirely dark brown, top of head white.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. sun behind obs, bird width of river away, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile at that point viewed thru B&W Discoverer scope - 25X

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen many times during migration

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 6 hrs this form completed? 5 days later by compiler from notes taken by

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life). both obs.