

DOCUMENTATION FORM
Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species Peregrine Falcon

Location Northwest Blvd. and the I-304 I-80 turn-off

Habitat Open grassland and cropland near interchange

Date(s) January 23, 1985 Time About 11:30 to roughly 11:45 For About 10 minutes

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Other observers Kenneth Brehmer KBr

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 behavior and voice.

Bird was flying toward me; it was quickly recognized by size & flight pattern and pointed wings. The bird then turned and flew along side the truck that we were traveling in. Here, the bird was at good vantage. I could clearly see: pointed raptor beak, clear markings on the head, deep blue on back and upper side of bird and brilliant contrasting white underneath. Bird flew typically of falcon flight and the long tail was quite noticeable.

Similar species and how eliminated: Larger than crow, but not as heavily winged or bodied as Goshawk. Bird was definitely larger than Kestrel or Merlin.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: thin o.c., 75' est, no binocs

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Seen 8-10 times

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? 6 hrs. How long before this form completed? 1 month