


CBC name Desoto CBC date 12/20/81 Compiler D. MenkeObserver writing this account and date Paul Wilson with much helpSPECIES Prairie Falcon NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1Distance from bird(s) 250' Relative size of bird Pigeon size or bigger  
(Closest distance 55')

HEAD &amp; NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)

 Narrow dark band anterior to eye. Whitish line above & to rear of eye.  
Behind white band is an oval black or gray brown mark w/ white  
current behind that.

EYE &amp; LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.)

eye darkUPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES Black base of upper mandible  
Core blue gray, extensive than red tail. Tip blackLEGS & FEET Light

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)

Streaked light, side below wing dark, vertical striping on sides & P  
probably through breast. Upper breast immaculate, streaking to mid breast  
on sides. Fine streaking on breast to throat. Sides more boldly streaked  
UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)  
dark gray brown.

TRICES (Describe inner, middle, outertail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)

Uniform or subtly banded, long. Gray, probably not bandedWING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) Pointed, long

VOCALIZATION

BEHAVIOR Hawking, swooping about over field. Took a sparrow from  
some grass, perched & ate it up to eatDate of observation 20 Dec. Time 8:10 am Weather Cold, Windy Sky cover light  
(Clear Sunny) 2nd NNE of us, Sun SEDuration of observation ± 15 min Bird - Sun orientation 2nd NNE of us, Sun SE

Exact location

Habitat Fernwood in cropland Other observers Rick Wright, Dave MenkeOptical equipment 20x, 25x scope

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS