

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Goshawk 2. Number: 1
3. Location North edge of Red Rock Res. Marion County
4. Date: 3/18/84 5. Time Bird seen: 1:00 to 1:05 pm (approx)

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

As large as a Red-tail. Back silver-gray. Underparts lighter. Light ~~gray~~ line above eye obvious, separating gray crown from darker area around eye.

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: Flew from pine tree directly overhead to a dead deciduous tree where it perched for approx. 5 min. Later seen flying from pine grove.

9. Habitat - general: Pine grove of ~~approx. 4 or 5 acres~~ .4 or 5 acres on north side of Red Rock Res.
specific: Thick grove of pines 30-40 ft tall.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

Much larger than Cooper's or Sharp-shinned. Silver-gray coloration eliminated
buteos.

11. Distance (how measured)? Flushed from directly overhead.
Landed in a tree approx. 20-30 yds. away.

12. Optical equipment:
Binoculars.

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Cloudy, but good viewing.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Have seen goshawks in flight 2 other times. Well acquainted with buteos + ~~sharp~~ sharpshins, cooper's -

15. Other observers:

None

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Bird was identified in field without any guide. Later consulted guide for description of voice. Had been scolded by a Red-tail in the same grove. Wanted to make sure it wasn't the Goshawk scolding. It wasn't.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 3 days

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