

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: GOLDEN EAGLE (ADULT) 2. Number: 1

3. Location: CHEROKEE COUNTY, PILOT TOWNSHIP
T91 R40 SECTION 16

4. Date: 5-MARCH 1983 Time seen: 11:35 AM to 11:45 AM

6. Description of size, shape, and color: VERY LARGE, BUTED
SHAPED. ~~ALL~~ ALL DARK. IT HAD A DISTINCTIVE
GOLD COLORED NAPE AND OBSCURE TAIL BANDING.
A REDTAIL WAS CLOSE BY FOR SIZE COMPARISON.

7. Voice, if heard: NONE

8. Behavior: SOARING, ~~FLYING~~

9. Habitat: RIVER BOTTOM, WOODED, FLOODING, UPLAND
TIMBER AND PASTURE ALSO.

10. Similar species: DARK PHASE REDTAIL, IMMATURE BALD
EAGLE, DARK PHASE ROUGH LEGGED HAWK.

11. Distance viewed at: 50-75 yds Optical equipment: 15 X SPOTTING SCOPE
(Bausch-Lomb)

13. Light: OVERCAST

14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:

I HAVE SEEN ^{GOLDENS} ~~THE~~ A LOT OUT IN WYOMING AND ARIZONA.

I SPENT THE LAST 3 DAYS OBSERVING BALD EAGLES AT PRAIRIE AND WILDLIFE REFUGE.

15. Other observers: _____

16. Did others agree: _____ 17. Other independent observers: _____

18. Books and advice consulted: PETERSON NEW EASTERN FIELD GUIDE

19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:

10 minutes

Signature: Dick Beeman Address 901 HARRIS

Date 5-MAR 1983 City, State Cherokee Co GA 51012