

What species? Goshawk How many? 1Location? Sweet Marsh (Bremer County)Type of habitat? River bottom timber at south edge of marshWhen? date(s): Dec. 19, 1981 time: 12:30 P.M. to 12:30 P.M.Who? your name and address: Robert K. Myers - 1236 Sylvia Ave., Waterloo, Iowa 50202others with you: —others before or after you: Russell Hays, Eleanor Corwin, Antoinette Comarota

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 voice and behavior.

Bird was sitting with sun behind so I got few details. Viewing time was also very short. Size was large (about like red-tail hawk). Tail was long. In flight the basic "accipiter" shape was noted as was the fast direct flight.

I was not able to pick out any markings on breast and did not see the back. I knew the bird was a large accipiter from its shape sitting and flying and I was able to see the light stripe on the bird's head over the eye.

The goshawk Russ Hays & his party saw ^{in same area} just prior to my sighting was an immature and they also noted the white eye-stripe.

Similar species and how eliminated: The shape + size made the choice either goshawk or cooper's hawk and the white crescent over the eye made the choice goshawkDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: ^{75 yd. (guess)} ^{B&L 7x35 binocs.}
Viewing was not very good as sky was bright + sun was basically behind bird so I got mostly silhouette with few details visible.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen both adult + imm. earlier this yearReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 4 hr. this form completed? 1 week

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