

Brown

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? N. Goshawk How many? 1 (One)

Location? Lucas Co., Iowa approx. 3.5 miles southeast of Russell, Lake Rathbun area

Type of habitat? upland mixture of corn stubble, woodland and planted prairie grasses

When? date(s): 19 December 1983 time: 15:30 to 15:31

Who? your name and address: Mike Brown 1180 14th St Apt #11 West Des Moines, IA 50265

others with you: Brian Winter

others before or after you: Bill <sup>Rybanczyk</sup> Roberczek (sp) ICC, Rathbun

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.

Accipiter - long tail, little ~~soaring~~ gliding, regular periods of flapping

Size of Red-tailed Hawk. Gray on top and undersides

Wings rounded.

No vocalizations heard.

Traveled directly to the northwest, did not appear to be hunting.

Similar species and how eliminated: Larger + grayer undersides than other Accipiters. Shorter wings, no rump patch, and different flight pattern than N. Harrier. Wings not pointed like a Falcon's.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Clear day, about 1/2 hrs before sunset, approx 40m away

No optical equipment used.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Limited experience with field identification of this species. Considerable experience with other raptors.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Dr. James J. Dinsmore, ISU

How long before field notes made? 17 day this form completed? 17 days

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