

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

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What species? Northern Goshawk How many? 1 ad.Location? N.W. side of Big Marsh, Butler Co.Type of habitat? Open marsh with some tree and shrub wildlife plantingsWhen? date(s): January 28, 1984 time: 9:15 to 9:18Who? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 336 Fairfield St., Waterloo, IA 50703others with you: Bob Myers, Dan Perkinsothers before or after you: None

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.

The duration of the sighting was short and after the bird had landed in a tree about 150 yards away the lighting was not the best. While in flight I could see that the bird was a large accipiter. The long fluffy undertail coverts were noticeable as the bird flew and landed in a tree. Looking through the scop I could see the eyestripe fairly easily on this bird. After seeing so many N. Goshawk in the last 2 years I feel that the combination of these characteristics is enough to show the bird was a Goshawk.

Similar species and how eliminated: Cooper's Hawk does not have white eyestripe or long fluffy undertail coverts.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Cloudy, windy, chilly; viewed from approx. 80-100 yards using 7X35mm B+L Roof Prism binoculars, 20X60 Bushnell Spacemaster telescope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen many Northern Goshawk

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? 7 hrs. this form completed? 12 hrs.

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