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DOCUMENTATION FORM

For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Peregrine Falcon How many? 1

Location? Downtown Davenport, Masonic Temple (Scott Co., IA)

Type of Habitat? Inner City of Davenport overlooking River

When? date(s): Dec. 20, 1992 time: 3:45 to 4:15

Who? your name and address: Brian Blevins, 2003 E. 12th St. Davenport, Iowa

Others with you: Corey Blevins, Lewis Blevins

Others before or after: Quite a few People

Describe the bird(s) in detail, including what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

A extremely large falcon swooped down and caught a pigeon from a group of about 25 birds. It then took the bird to a cement ledge and consumed it. The falcon had a full head-cap and tan or ochre flush on the breast making it anatum race. This bird has been in the city (at least) the whole winter, and is consistently seen on the Masonic Temple.

Similar species; how eliminated: Merlin - By Size and full Head cap.

Gyrfalcon - By size and by full Head cap.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. 45 power scope
Measured by eye

Previous experience with species and similar ones: We had the nest in the city this year.
We kept pretty good check and Lots of hours watching them.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? 2 hrs this form completed? 2 days

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).