

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Golden Eagle How many? 1 ✓ earlyLocation? 1 mile north & 1 mile West of hwy. 59 & 31Type of habitat? Rolling hills pasture, with some pine trees.When? date(s): Oct. 3 1985 time: 4: 15 PM to 4:25PMWho? your name and address: Marion M. Brewer RR 2 Cherokee, Ia. 51012others with you: Vernon Bierman

others before or after you: _____

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.

Very large, narrow winged. Body mostly med. brown, white tail ending in a wide dark band. Undertail coverts white, round white circles in the outer ~~2/3~~ 1/3 of under wings. Head was of slightly lighter brown or tan.

Similar species and how eliminated: Bald eagle , white wing patches.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
cloudy, estimated distance of 100 yards. viewed with a 15 X 45 power spotty scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen many golden eagles in Wyoming and several in IowaReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson, Golden and audubon guides.How long before field notes made? 18 Hrs this form completed? 18 hrs.

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