

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Northern Goshawk (Accipiter gentilis) How many? 1 adultLocation? North part of Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co., near damType of habitat? Open marsh near dam and dike with river bottom forest near-byWhen? date(s): April 16, 1983 time: 11:00 am to 11:02 amWho? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 336 Fairfield St., Waterloo, IA 50703others with you: Bob Myers, Russell Haysothers 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.

We were watching ducks on the West pool on the North side of Sweet Marsh near the dam when Bob said a Goshawk had just flown through the field of view of the telescope he was using. The bird was easy to pick out as it flew out over the water from the dike ~~of~~ flying to the North to the West of our location. It was obvious the bird was a very large Accipiter from the flap, flap, flap, soar flight pattern. The white eye stripe above the eye stood out in the sunlight and the bird's breast and belly was a light gray color. The bird had a long rounded tail and the white undertail coverts were easily seen. The back and wings were a bluish-gray color. No voice was heard.

Similar species and how eliminated: Cooper's Hawk does not have a white stripe above the eye.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
Bird seen while sunny between two snow squalls at approx. 75 yards using 7x35mm Bausch + Lomb Roof Prism binoculars.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen many Goshawks in the past 2 years, lots of experience with Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks.  
References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 8 Hrs. this form completed? 2 DAYS

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