

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

12/3/80

JARDINE

1. Species NORTHERN GOSHAWK 2. Number 2
 3. Location SUNKEN GROVE POCAHONTAS, COUNTY
 4. Date: 9-6-80 5. Time Bird Seen: 7:30AM to 8:00AM
 6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

BIRD WAS PERCHED ON DEAD LIMB OF TREE OVER LOOKING LAKE & APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 2' TALL WITH A VERY LARGE WHITE OR LIGHT GRAY STRIPE ABOVE THE EYE. THIS WAS THE DOMINANT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE BIRD. THE BODY APPEARED TO BE GRAY WITH A VERY LIGHT GRAY BREAST WITH FEW STREAKS OF DARKER GRAY. TAIL HAD DARK & LIGHT GRAY BANDS. BIRD WAS PHOTOGRAPHED
 7. Description of voice, if heard:
NOT HEARD
 8. Description of behavior: PERCHED ON LIMB
 9. Habitat - general: WOODS AROUND LAKE
specific: EDGE OF WOODS AROUND LAKE
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8. Explain:
 11. Distance (how measured)?
ESTIMATED 80 FT.
 12. Optical equipment:
7 X 35 TASCOS BINOC.
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
CLEAR SKY, SUN RISING, BIRD IN TREE SHADOW
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
 15. Other observers: RON HARKS
 16. Did the others agree with your identification? YES
 17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: RON HARKS
 18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: PETERSONS & GOLDEN BOOK - CONFIRMATION
 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
3 MONTHS
- Signature: J. Jardine Address: RR 2 BOX 9
- Date: 11-29-80 City, State: POCAHONTAS, IA 5074