

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species PEREGRINE FALCON 2. Number 1

3. Location REVERTON WMA REVERTON, IOWA

4. Date: 4-27-84 5. Time Bird Seen: 2:30 P.M to 2:34 P.M

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):

SIZE: SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A CROW - SMALLER THAN A RED-TAILED H.

SHAPE: FALCON SHAPED - POINT WINGS - NARROW TAIL

Color-Pattern: UNIFORM DARK BROWN TO BLACK ABOVE W/ WING TIPS BEING NOTICEABLY DARKER. UNDERSIDE APPEARED TO BE LIGHTER, BUT NOT WHITE

\* I DID GET ONE GLIMPSE OF PURE WHITE FROM THE THROAT AREA. THE UNDER SIDE WAS ONLY VISIBLBLE FOR ONLY VERY MOMENTARY GLIMPSES during the whole 4 min flight, whereas the upper parts was continuously visible throughout the flight. THIS BIRD WAS AN IMMATURE.

7. Description of voice, if heard: N/A

8. Description of behavior: THE BIRD'S FLIGHT WAS CONTINUOUS, POWERFUL & FAST THE STRONG WIND DIDN'T EVEN SEEM TO EFFECT IT'S FLIGHT

9. Habitat - general: OPEN MARSH

specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
MERLIN BECAUSE OF SIZE AND PRAIRIE FALCON BECAUSE OF DARK BACK COLOR - ALL OTHERS BECAUSE OF FALCON FLIGHT

11. Distance (how measured)? 200-500 yds EST 12. Optical equipment: 7x35 BINOCULARS  
DISTANCE PREVENT ACTUAL BEABLE TO SEE MUSTACHE WITH MY EQUIPMENT.

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
EXCELLENT SUN AT BACK MOST OF THE TIME

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

15. Other observers: FRANCIS MOORE

16. Did the others agree with your identification? YES

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: N/A

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
NONE

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 48 HRS

Signature: sent by Raymond L. Cummings Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Centerville City, State: \_\_\_\_\_