

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? N. Goshawk -adult How many? 1Location? NW Johnson Co. (just SW of Greencastle Corner)Type of habitat? Open field with scattered small trees, brush)When? date(s): 17 December 1983 time: 10:30AM to 10:35AMWho? your name and address: Carl J. Bendorf 825 7th Ave. Iowa City, IA. 52240others with you: Lanny Haldy, Dan Ray, Randy Graesser, all of the Amanas.

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.

Noted a large raptor dashing low over a weedy field, first guessed to be a harrier because of size and behavior. After putting glasses on bird we all noted that bird was uniform dark blu-grey on upper surface with no white rump. Tail was extremely long and uniformly banded with light and dark grey and relatively narrow bands. As bird briefly tilted, the entire underparts appeared to be uniformly light.

Bird lit momentarily in small tree and we noted characteristic upright and long-tailed accipiter posture. Bird took off, disappeared, and then was seen again at quite a distance perched in a large tree. Again we noted large size (nearly that of a Red-tail), and erect and very long-tailed posture.

We did not notice an eye-stripe. Neither did we note the absence of same.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Cooper's Hawk ~~XXXX~~ eliminated by large size and light(not rusty) underparts.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
Clear sky, sun directly at back, 75 yards estimated, 7X binos.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: New bird for others, I saw 6 birds last winter

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? 20 minutes this form completed? 7 hours

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