

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? NORTHERN GOSHAWK How many? 1 ADULTLocation? MOOKHEAD PARK - IOWA COUNTYType of habitat? DAK - CEDAR - EDGEWhen? date(s): 1-27-96 time: 2:30 to 2:35Who? your name and address: WES THELEN 14832 116th BIRDA, IA 51836others with you: MARTY THELEN, MATT THELEN, BRETT

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.

SLATE BACKED HAWK, Settling on fence post.
 THE BIRD LOOKED BIG WITH A STRAIGHT BROAD TAIL
 Long + Gray. THE BICAST WAS LIGHT GRAY VERY FINE
 STREAKING. THE WHITE EYE STRIPES VERY PROMINENT.
 THE BIRD FLEW AND ATTACKED A ROOSTER
 RING-NECKED PHEASANT. AND MISSED. THEY FLEW
 OFF INTO MOOKHEAD PARK. FLEW ACCEPTOR LIKE.
 Short wings - Long tail. A FEW LONG BEATS
 Then GLIDE

Similar species and how eliminated: COOPER'S HAWK ~~Long Stripes~~
 Has + more rusky chest. AND NO RING
 Eye stripe.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Sunny, Bright. 30 YARDS. APPROX. 8x40 BINOCULAR

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

First wild Goshawk - HAVE SEEN FALCONER (LANCE CHRISTIANSEN'S) GOSHAWK
 References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson Field Guide, ANQUASSE FIELD GUIDE — ED THELEN, Spirit Lake
 How long before field notes made? 1-DAY this form completed? 1 WEEK

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