

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species GOSHAWK 2. Number: ONE
3. Location HIGHWAY 415 NORTH OF POLK CITY AT NW 100 ST BIG CREEK STATE PARK
4. Date: FEB. 15, 1982 5. Time Bird seen: 2:30 PM ? to _____

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): LARGE SIZE HAWK (EQUAL TO OR BIGGER THAN A RED-TAILED HAWK) GRAY BACK, DARK HEAD AND CHEEK PATCH, WHITE EYE BROW LINE, WHITE BREAST, SIDE AND BELLY, BROWN VERTICAL STREAKS ON SIDE, BELLY AND BREAST, LONG DARK COLORED TAIL, WHITE UNDER TAIL COVERTS. WHEN THE BIRD WAS IN FLIGHT, UNDERSIDE APPEARED ALL WHITE.

7. Description of voice, if heard: NONE

8. Description of behavior: BIRD PERCHED IN TREES, THEN DROVE SUDDENLY TO THE

9. Habitat - general: STATE PARK, OPEN GRASSLAND, TREES ON EDGE
specific: FLEW TO WOODED EDGE

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
NORTHERN HARRIER - NO ^{WHITE} RUMP PATCH + THIS BIRD HAD WHITE EYE BROW LINE
COOPERS HAWK - ^{VERTICAL} STREAKS MORE WIDELY SPACED - ^{UNDERSIDE} APPEARED WHITE IN FLIGHT
THAN COOPERS ^{HORIZONTAL STREAKS} THIS BIRD HAD WHITE EYE BROW LINE AND WAS MUCH LARGER IN SIZE

11. Distance (how measured)? 100 YARDS 12. Optical equipment: BUSHNELL 8X40 BINOCULARS - BUSHNELL 25X SCOPE

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

GRAY OVERCAST - NO SUN

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

IMMATURE SEEN ON NOV. 21, 1981 WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF SAME SITE

15. Other observers:

PAUL MARTSCHING

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

YES

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

GOLDEN BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

PETERSON - A FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 4 HOURS

Signature

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