

What species? No. Goshawk How many? 2a

Location? McBride Field Campus, Johnson Co, IA

Type of habitat? mixed conifer groves + deciduous woodland

When? date(s): 17 Dec 1983 time: 2:30 to 2:45 PM

Who? your name and address: Carol S Newton

others with you: McNewton, J. Dawson Mohler

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.

Bird ① flew close over CSN's head - she observed large size, pale grey underparts, long banded tail. This bird perched briefly in a tree 100 yds distant, then flew off, giving MN and JDM time to observe its occipital built - long slender body, rounded wings, ^{conspicuous white under tail coverts} small head, long tail. Bird ② then appeared and while we concentrated on it bird ① vanished. Bird ② also perched, at about 100 yds range - we obs. distinctive proportions - small head, body as large as a Redtail but more slender, long square tail, longer than any butes; but less long + slender in proportion to size than a sharpie. Body light gave it a uniform dark-grey appearance on upperparts, pale grey below, with a visible pale supercilium.

Similar species and how eliminated: Coloration eliminates all N. Am raptors except for *A. H. harrisi* + the kites - these eliminated by size, proportions, habitat, season. Its size, grey underparts rules out other *Accipiters*.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

100 yds - 8x90 binocs.

grey cloud, snow, sun ~30° to left of birds.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen many goshawks in MN, MA, PA; also all spp mentioned above.

References and persons consulted before writing description: _____

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? _____