

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Peregrine (ad.) How many? 1Location? end of Babcock Lk Rd, Hawkeye WA, Johnson CoType of habitat? Reservoir surrounded by mudflats, fields, woodsWhen? date(s): 9/23 time: 1:15 to 1:16 (est)Who? your name and address: M. Newlon 408 Wakes Iowa City IA 52240others with you: —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.

large falcon - crow sized. Wings long, triangular; tail long, square. Above dark (slate), pale whitish below. Strongly 'capped' look: dark of crown/nape sharply set off from pale face. Dark 'sideburns' extending from crown down side of face: this one unusually short, broad, triangular. Cere pale, bill/legs dark.

Flight level, fast, deep regular wing strokes. Came in from W over flats, perched on distant dead tree, for perhaps 1', flew off to S.

Similar species and how eliminated: falcon shape, size, face/head pattern diagnostic.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: 100 - 400 yds (est) 25x60 Bushnell scope, sun behind obs.Previous experience with species and similar ones: seen many, also all NAm falcons (exc. femorialis).References and persons consulted before writing description: —How long before field notes made? on spot this form completed? 9/25

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