

## REPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

CBC name STERNDOORN CBC date 12/21 Compiler BETTY WATERS  
 Observer writing this account and date ROSS SILCOCK 12/21

SPECIES MERLIN NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 ♀ AD?  
 Distance from bird(s) 150 yds Relative size of bird Small, bigger than Kestrel.  
 HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.) Brownish tan crown; darker lower edge (like dark in eye line); pale cheeks; NO vertical marks on face.  
 EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) NOT WELL SEEN  
 UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES NOT SEEN  
 LEGS & FEET NOT SEEN  
 UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) upperparts brownish tan; paler than ♀ Kestrel; no rufus.  
 UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) flanks pale; ~~not well seen~~ <sup>Underparts</sup> May have been streaked, but not well seen.  
 RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.) Tail banded, but not very strongly. Noticeable dark subterminal band.  
 WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) printed falcon shape in flight.  
 VOCALIZATION NOT HEARD  
 BEHAVIOR perched; back to us; head turned to look at us. i.e. could see face pattern, but not underparts. Flew away at angle.

Date of observation 12/21 Time 11<sup>10</sup> AM Weather 15° no wind. Sky cover Overcast  
 Duration of observation 2 minutes Bird - Sun orientation NO SUN  
 Exact location Doot ramp area; Riverton SMA.  
 Habitat FLOODPLAIN, OPEN DECIDUOUS Other observers BARB. WILSON  
 Optical equipment 10X50 BUSHNELL (RS)  
8X NIKON (BW)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS SAME PLUMAGE AS MERLIN SEEN LAST YEAR'S COUNT - PROBABLY RICHARDSONI. (EXPECTED RACE FOR W. IFA IN WINTER?) LAST YEAR'S SIGHTING ABOUT 6 MILES DISTANT.