

Gyr Falcon  
14 Dec 1991  
2 mi. n. of Cambridge, Story Co., IA  
\*Barney Cook  
IBL 62:54, 71

Record Number: 91-41  
Classification: NA

DOCUMENTATION: Barney Cook

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 62:54  
Records Committee: IBL 62:71

VOTE: 7 NA

NA, Document is very insufficient for such an unusual bird.

NA, Details of this sighting which would allow an A-D vote are lacking.

NA, There is insufficient detail in the documentation to support the identification.

NA, Falcon shaped, Red-tailed sized bird doesn't eliminate Prairie and/or Peregrine Falcon.

NA, Essentially no description. Where did this form sheet come from?

NA, Description of falcon shape with several separate primaries seen at end of wing not enough to make this a Gyr Falcon. A detailed description is needed for this species because of its extreme rarity in Iowa.

NA, Insufficient details provided to evaluate this bird.

91-41  
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(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES/HIGH NUMBERS

CBC Name F. H. H. Date 12/14 Compiler \_\_\_\_\_  
Observer writing this account & date BEEBE Cook

SPECIES CYRANALON NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1  
Distance from bird(s) 30 ft Relative size of bird Red tail

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)  
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EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES \_\_\_\_\_

LEGS & FEET \_\_\_\_\_

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading & trailing edges, etc.) falcon shaped, see several separate primaries at end of wing

VOCALIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

BEHAVIOR Flying low into strong wind. Westward, slow wing beat.

Date of observation 12/14/91 Time 3pm Weather windy Sky partly cloudy <sup>good light</sup>

Duration of observation \_\_\_\_\_ Bird - Sun orientation \_\_\_\_\_

Exact location 2mi north of Concordia, Story County

Habitat open Other observers FRITZ FRAUZY, Stu Huntington  
Optical equipment \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE MOST HELPFUL