

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What Species? Cooper's Hawk How Many? 1

Location? SW Wayne Co.

Type of Habitat? Large deciduous forest tract for this part of Iowa

When? date(s): June 11th, 1988 time: 10:05AM to 10:07AM

Who? your name and address: Ray Cummins 609 S. Main St. Centerville, Ia. 52544

Others with you: Mary Montgomery

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, undertail, legs, & feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

A crow-sized accipiter dark above light below with a long slightly rounded tail. The bird flapped and glided as we watch the bird fly for about 700 yards above the forest canopy carrying a small bird in it's talons.

Similar species; how eliminated: Size eliminates other accipiters.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about the identification? no  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. 10x50 Nikon binoculars in good light (sun at our backs) from an estimated 200 to 500yds.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: regularly sighted all the accipiters ea year.

Reference and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? 50 Days This form completed? 50 Days