

Species: GYRFALCON

Record No. 354-81-04

Location: PORTLAND, MULTNOMAH CO.
Date(s): MARCH 6, 1981

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
<u>JEFF GILLIGAN</u>	<u>A</u>			

Specimen no. & location _____

Accepted 9-0
verified _____
Single rept. sighting ✓
Multiple rept. sighting _____

Not accepted _____
origin questionable _____
exotic not estab. _____

Records split _____

Records combined _____

Disposition

Secretary's File _____
Main File A _____
Slide File _____
Print File _____
Tape File _____

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Date observer(s) notified: MAY 28, 1981

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GYRFALCON

nd 3-9-81

LOCATION: NEAR HAWTHORNE BRIDGE, PORTLAND, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

DATE: 3-6-81

OBSERVERS: JEFF GILLIGAN (REPORTING OBSERVER)
ARNOLD KELLER

IT WAS A DARK BROWN BIRD, ALTHOUGH NOT AS DARK AS AN IMMATURE PEAL PEREGRINE FALCON. IT WAS EXTREMELY LARGE, PERHAPS THREE TIMES LONGER THAN THE ROCK DOVE THAT IT WAS PURSUING AROUND THE BRIDGE FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES. IT WAS MUCH, MUCH HEAVIER AND LONGER WINGED THAN THE PIGEONS. IT HAD A TYPICAL FALCON SHAPE, LARGE HEADED, LONG TAILED, AND POINTED WINGED. THE WINGS WERE RATHER BROAD COMPARED TO OTHER FALCONS, THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED. THE FLIGHT WAS TYPICAL OF A GYR, FAST BUT WITH SLOW WING BEATS. IT OCCASSIONALLY SOARED. I SAW IT FROM MY OFFICE WINDOW (FROM WHICH I HAD SEEN A PEREGRINE CHASING THE PIGEON HORDE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO). IT WAS SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS AWAY, BUT I WAS FAIRLY SURE THAT IT WAS A GYR EVEN BEFORE I OBTAINED THE OFFICE 8X BAUSCH AND LOMB BINOCULARS. WITH THE BINOCULARS I WAS ABLE TO SEE THE ABOVE MENTIONED ASPECTS AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING. THE WINGS, HEAD, BACK, UNDERPARTS AND TAIL WERE, WITH VERY INSIGNIFICANT INTERRUPTION, UNIFORMLY DARK BROWN. IT WAS A SUNNY DAY, WITH THE SUN AT AN EXCELLENT ANGLE TO OBSERVE THE BIRD. SNOW COVERED MT. HOOD WAS OFTEN DIRECTLY BEHIND IT AND THE HARRIED PIGEONS.

THIS IS THE FIFTH GYR THAT I HAVE SEEN IN OREGON AND ALASKA. I AM WITHOUT DOUBT REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION.

THIS NOTE WAS WRITTEN MINUTES AFTER THE OBSERVATION.