

Species: GYRFALCON

Record No. 354-82-07

Location: NEHALEM MEADOWS, TILLAMOOK CO.

Date(s): SEPT. 29, 1982

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
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 Single rept. sighting ✓
 Multiple rept. sighting _____

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Disposition

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Nehalem Meadows
Oregon

Richard Smith and I were looking over a flock of gulls and Pectoral Sandpipers feeding in a recently plowed field along the Lower Nehalem Meadows Road this clear sunny afternoon when the entire flock took up and began to mill about thirty or so feet over the field. Almost immediately we noticed a large very dark brown falcon among them slowly fluttering its long wings and sailing along toward the east. It did not attempt to overtake any bird or threaten any individual but it did soon catch the wind and rapidly glide almost sidewise eastward out of the area. The gulls continued to mill but soon gathered to circle high in the air on an updraft.

The falcon was about the same size as the largest gulls and showed long, pointed and broadly based wings. It also had a long rather broad tail. The body appeared quite heavy. The most unique thing about the bird was that it was overall very dark brown. There appeared to be no pattern whatsoever on the bird, except perhaps a blackish face pattern. The tail and underparts appeared to be unmarked but rather washed with two tones of brownish showing very little contrast. There was no contrast to the upper and lower parts of the body.

The bill and leg colors could not be seen and the sere was not noted. The bird gave no calls.

Harry B. Nehls