Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: KURT KARWACKY

Address: Woodlot Alternatives, Inc.
122 Main Street
Topsham, Maine 04086

Phone: _____ (H) 207-729-1199 (W)

Species observed:
COOPER'S HAWK (ACCIPITER COOPERII)

Date and Time of observation:
17 MAY 99 PM

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: LENOX County BERKSHIRE USGS Map: EAST LEE, MA

b) Please attach a photo copy of the appropriate section of a USGS topographic map (or similar map if a USGS map is unavailable). Please carefully mark the site in red where you observed this rare species.

c) Please explain how to get to this spot: TRAVEL EAST ALONG NEW LENOX ROAD TO THE WOODLAND ROAD. TRAVEL SOUTH ALONG THE WOODLAND ROAD.

2. Number of individuals observed: ONE

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks? FLIGHT/SOARING PATTERN, TAIL SHAPE (ROUNDED), HEAD PROJECTION

Were photographs taken? NO
If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: UNKNOWN

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: NONE

(OVER)

6. Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? No

If yes, please give details: _____

7. Description of habitat at this site: Low Gradient Stream With Adjacent Transitional Floodplain Forest Community

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site: None

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: Housatonic River Valley State Wildlife Management Area

10. Additional observations/comments: Bird observed soaring over the Housatonic River

11. Qualifications of observer (check all that apply):

____ Amateur naturalist. Years of experience: ____
____ Conservation Commission member
____ Biology/science teacher
a Environmental Consultant
a Degree in Biology: a Bachelor's ____ Master's ____ Ph. D.
____ Other. Please specify: _____

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species: Bird Bander, Avian Biologist, Avid Birder

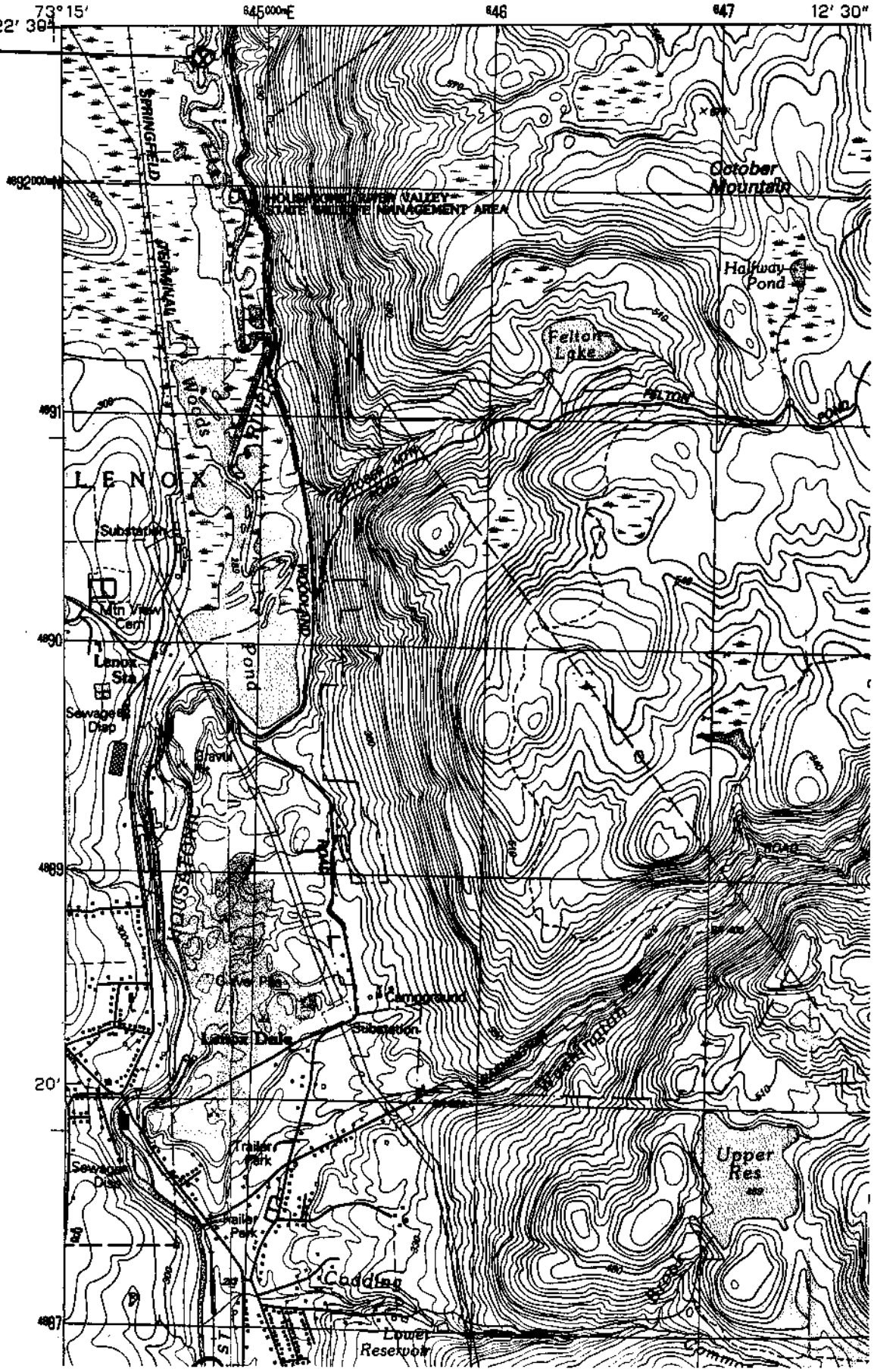
13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): Karol Worden - Woodlot Alternatives

14. I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date: 2/March

Please submit field forms and all supporting documentation (map, photo, etc.) to:

MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Route 135
Westboro, MA 01581
508-792-7270 ext. 200

EAST LEE, MASSACHUSETTS

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