Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: Robert D. Roy

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Species observed: Northern Harrier

Date and Time of observation: 9.15.98 ; ± 2 pm

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: Lenox County Berkshire USGS Map: Pittsfield East

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: Bird observed south of New Lenox Rd bridge crossing Housatonic River. Access New Lenox Rd. from Rte 7/20 in Lenox. Travel east for ± 0.75 mile to stop sign, go straight for ± 0.6 mile to bridge.

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? Yes Based on what field marks? Color, white rump patch

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

4. Age and sex of individuals: Adult male

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: NO, may be a migrant. Suitable nesting habitat ~~is~~ exists in area.

(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: WET MEADOW HABITAT DOMINATED BY PHALARIS ARUNDINACEA. LOWER BASINS (OLD OXBOWS) WITH LYTHRUM SALICARIA. MARGINS OF SITE WITH SUCCESSIONAL SHRUB HABITAT. SHRUBS INCLUDE CORNUS SERICEA & AMOMUM, ALNUS INCANA, RHAMNUS CATHARTICA & CRATAEGUS PUNCTATA.

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site:

EAST SIDE OF RIVER OLD PASTURE, WEST SIDE IDLE ALTHOUGH UPPER FLOODPLAIN MANAGED FOR HAY & GAME BIRDS.

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: WEST SIDE OF RIVER OWNED BY MADFW (Hous. Riv. Valley WMA).

10. Additional observations/comments: —

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

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

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species: HAVE CONDUCTED RAPTOR SURVEYS THROUGHOUT THE NORTHEAST.

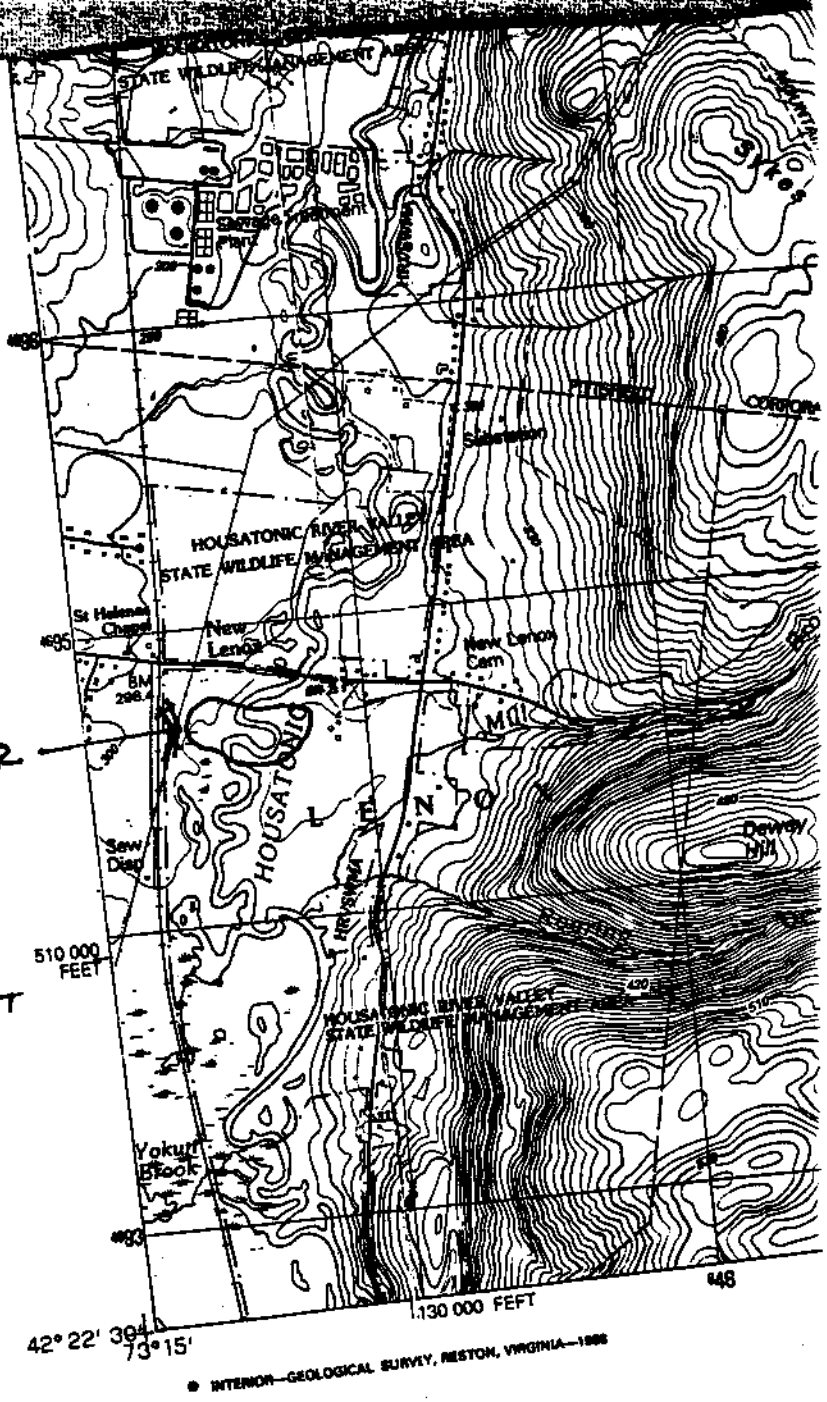
13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): _____

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 [signature] Date: 9/15/98

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

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



NO. HARRIER

USGS PITTSFIELD EAST QUADRANGLE