Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: Chris Werner

Address: 122 Main St #3
Topsham ME 04016

Phone (207) 721-0570 (H) (207) 729-1199 (W)

Species observed: Northern Harrier (Circus cyaneus)

Date and Time of observation: 11 JULY 99 17:45

1. Location where species was observed: Woods Pond

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: Rt 7 to Housatonic St. Take Housatonic west approx. 1.5 miles. Cross over Willow Creek Rd & you will enter a gravel parking lot next to pond

2. Number of individuals observed: 2

3. Was a positive ID possible? yes Based on what field marks? body shape & size, white underparts, grey back, black-tipped wings

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

4. Age and sex of individuals: 1 adult male & 1 unkn.

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

(OVER)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife 100 Cambridge St. Boston, MA 02202 (617) 727-9194, -3151

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: Hardwood ridge on Southeast side of Woods Pond

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

none

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: UNKNOWN

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:

Conduct raptor surveys throughout Berkshire county

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

Karol Worden WOODLOT ALTERNATIVES Environmental Consultant, Master's degree in Biology

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 Christine Worden Date: 20 JULY 99

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

Northern Harrier