Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: Robert D. Roy

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Species observed: Sharp-shinned Hawk

Date and Time of observation: 9.1.98

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: Seen at the Decker Canoe Launch ~~at~~ on the Housatonic River. Launch is on New Lenox Rd. in Lenox, near the New Lenox Rd. Bridge.

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? Yes Based on what field marks? Close view of definitive field marks (long, squared tail, etc.).

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

4. Age and sex of individuals: Not recorded

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: No, appeared to be foraging in shrub habitats.

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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: SCRUB-SHRUB WETLANDS & SUCCESSIONAL SHRUBLANDS W/ SCATTERED TREES LOCATED ADJACENT TO OPEN FLOODPLAIN OF RIVER.

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

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: MASS. FISH & WILDLIFE

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: 9.1.98

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

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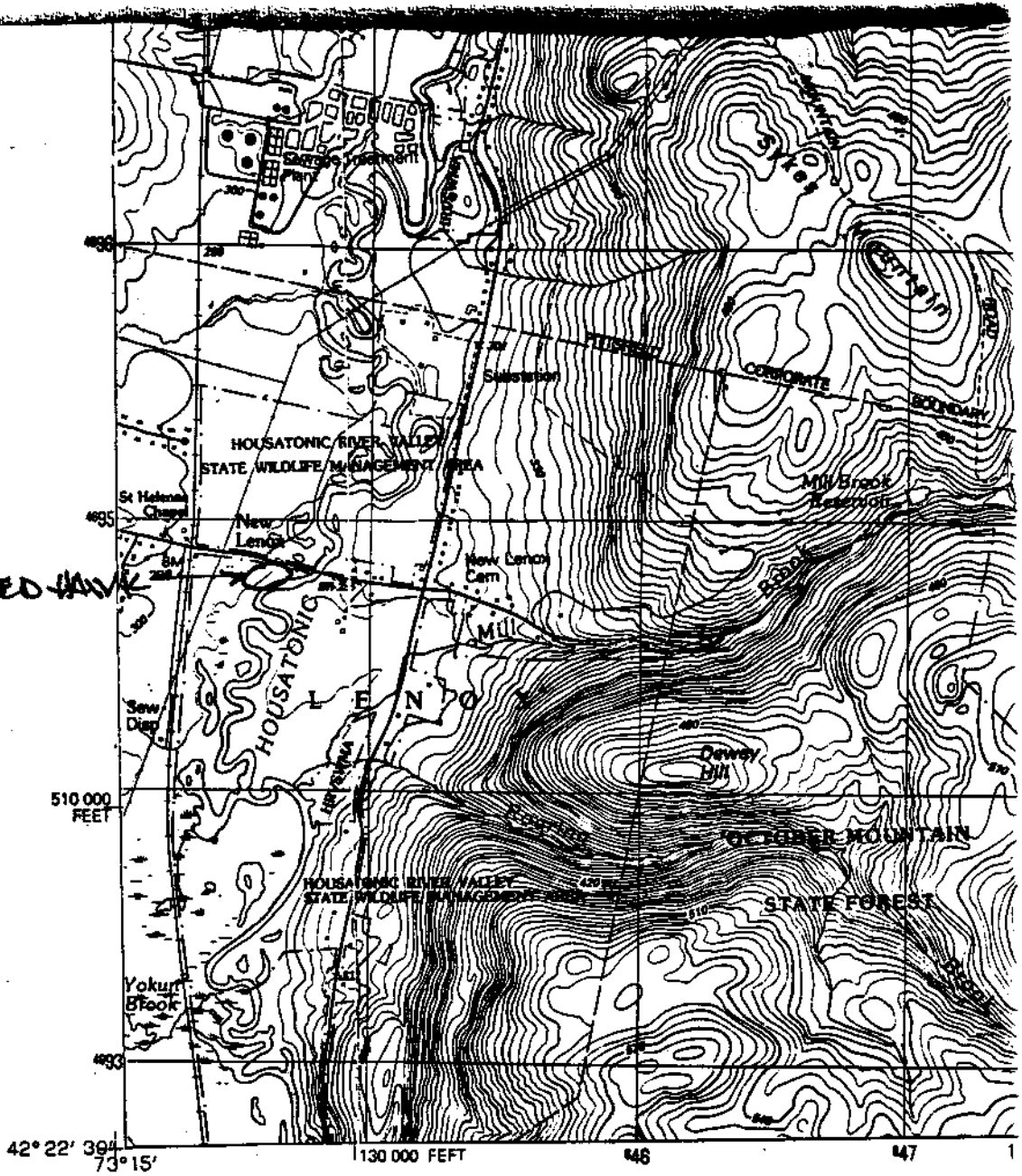

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