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: 9.15.98 & 12.22.98

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: Pittsfield 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: Park @ Holmes Rd. Bridge in Pittsfield. Follow access road (yellow pipe gate) south along river. Observations occurred in streamside trees ±1000' south of Holmes Rd. & forested floodplain ±3500' south of Holmes Rd.

2. Number of individuals observed: 1 on 9.15.98, 1 on 12.22.98

3. Was a positive ID possible? Yes Based on what field marks? Typical 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, migrating or wintering birds (but possibly year-round residents)

(OVER)

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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: STREAMSIDE TREES HAD ACER NEGUNDO. FORESTED FLOODPLAIN DOMINATED BY ACER SACCHARINUM.

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 (HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA).

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 NORTHEAST

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

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 [signature] Date: 9/15-98 12/22/98

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

USGS PITTSFIELD EAST QUADRANGLE

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