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UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS  
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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Lat/long \_\_\_\_\_ Reporter \_\_\_\_\_ Sci Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Syrfalcon  
 Scientific Name Falco rusticolus  
 Sight date 15 Nov 90 time 10:45 duration 15 min  
 Distance from bird 50-1000 yds  
 Light conditions light overcast  
 Optical equip. 10X50 Bino + Questar  
 Photo. equip. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of this species seen one  
 Notes made at time of sighting  Date this report  
 Notes made later from memory  was prepared.  
 Photo available  Photo enclosed  7 Feb 90

Weather at time of this observation.

High variable light  
cloud cover

Prior weather &amp; number of days since change

Locality

5 miles south of Togan UT  
on Hwy 89-91

Male  Adult  Age unk.  Basic Plumage  Light Phase   
 Female  Subadult  ♀ or Imm  Breeding  Dark Phase   
 Sex Unk.  Juv/Imm  \_\_\_\_\_ year bird  Eclipse  Molting

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED -Unique features of this bird, if any.

The bird was relocated in same general area after first sighting by Robert Atwood. Bird was first sighted thru binoculars at 100 yds for 15 sec. while perched on telephone pole. The bird flew past us at ~ 50 yds and then circled slowly up, giving us a long look while soaring with Northern Harriers.

This bird did not exhibit typical Buteo-like flight. Wing motion was stiff and "wristy" as in falcons. Wings were broad but pointed however not "true-pointed" as in Peregrine. Flight of bird was in view long enough for us to locate and follow bird in Questar. Please refer to Atwood's write up for additional plumage description.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

This was mainly a flight siting and during total siting there was nothing to indicate that this was anything but a falcon.

Variations from expected field marks.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Size would eliminate anything but Peregrine and Gyrfalcon. Color would indicate Gyrfalcon. Wings were broad and not knife pointed like Peregrine.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Describe birds song or sounds.

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

Ron Ryel  
Tarry Ryel

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Tarry and Ron Ryel have seen this species previously. All three observers have spent many hours at Hawk observation points at the Wellsville and Toshutes mountains.

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