

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2004-073

Name of bird form: Gyrfalcon

Committee member name: fraker

Date of review: 5/30/18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S

Comments:

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Record #: 2004-073

Name of bird form: Gyrfalcon

Committee member name: Walter Marcisz

Date of review: 6-24-18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments:

The observer may have seen a Gyrfalcon, but I believe the amount of detail submitted is inadequate for acceptance of such a rare species, especially if one factors in the possibility of falconer's birds.

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Record #: 2004-073

Name of bird form: Gyrfalcon

Committee member name: McMullen

Date of review: 6-18-18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments:

Little detail provided. Not enough detail, in my opinion to rule out lighter color-phase Peregrine or even Prairie Falcon.

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Record #: 2004-073

Name of bird form: Gyrfalcon

Committee member name: Adam Sell

Date of review: 6/2/18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments: I'd like a little more detail for this record. Could very well be a gyr, but an adult gray Gyr does have some malar stripe, although not as prominent. Some more detail outside of very large falcon would be helpful.

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Record #: 2004-073

Name of bird form: Gyrfalcon

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 30 June 2018

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments: The description is not really adequate, but the relatively plain face on a large falcon should rule out other options. Time of year is good, location seems okay. I am puzzled by the e-bird checklist appended. It is for the same date but does not include Gyrfalcon. I think I 'd like to understand that before I vote for this. I think we should contact Rick Fox to ask about that before voting on this record. If we have to vote now, I think I have to vote against it because of that inconsistency and the weak, though suggestive, description,

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Name of bird form: Gyrfalcon

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 5/30/18

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Comments: Minimal description, with no explanation of why the bird was a falcon in the first place. One of the main ID points was the size – a notoriously tricky thing to estimate in the field. The associated e-bird checklist mentions 4 species, none of them Gyrfalcon. (That could be e-bird's filters working against us here.)

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Name of bird form: Gyrfalcon

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 24 May 2018

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments:

This may very well be a Gyrfalcon. However, the very brief description includes only details about plumage and not structure, and even those are not extensive. Size as “notably larger” than a Peregrine is mentioned, too, plus there is the general statement, without elaboration, that this was a falcon. Furthermore, the long time between the observation and the preparation of the documentation is problematic. Though field notes are mentioned as being taken at the time of the observation, the brief nature of the resulting documentation suggests that the notes were just as brief or perhaps briefer. Given all this, I am not comfortable to accept the record.