

Subject: Re: Display imF Rough-legged Hawk
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010 8:27 PM
From: William Clark <raptours@earthlink.net>
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To: Donna L Dittmann <ddittma@lsu.edu>
Conversation: Display imF Rough-legged Hawk

Hi Donna,

Many thanks for the harlani specimen shots. Yes, it is not typical, especially the tail, but it is an adult light harlani. Note the white streaks on the crown.

The Rough-leg, interesting enough is an adult male. Some adult males, such as this one, have adult female tails, with one black subterminal band. Juvenile females lack any black bands in the tail.

Adult males have darker breasts than bellies, such as this one, and usually show dark barring on white flanks, or pale gray barring on dark flanks, like this one.

If you looked closely at the back, you should be able to find some gray barring on some back feathers. You can also sex RLHA's by wing chord.

Please feel free to ask more about this RLHA. I have an article in press with *Birding* explaining the differences in plumages between male and female adults. Did you review my Ms?

Cheers, Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Donna Dittmann
Sent: Mar 9, 2010 5:04 PM
To: Bill Clark
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Hi Bill,

Here are a couple of photos of the mounted Rough-legged Hawk; the specimen was identified as a female by the taxidermist: