

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographys, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the LOS Bird Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: Rough-legged Hawk, Buteo lagopus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. Zad. in breeding plumage): light-phase immature
3. Locality: Louisiana: New Orleans Parish: Orleans
U.S. Hwy. 11
4. Date(s) when seen: Jan. 30, 1982
5. Times of day when seen: 4:00 p.m.
6. Reporting observer and address:
David P. Muth, 1425 Bourbon B, NOla. 70116
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
Reinoehl, Myers, Purrington, Nelkin, after 1/30.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
seen under varying conditions.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
7x35 binos
11. Distance to bird: from 50 to 500 yds.
12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes total
13. Habitat (general and specific): Over intermediate marsh and open ponds flying, and perched in stand of Baccharis halimifolia.
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification):
seen flying and perching
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):
A large buteo, long-winged and long-tailed.
Head appeared white or lightly streaked.
Upperside: dark brown back and upperwing with black wrists and primary tips and white at the base of the outer primaries.
Uppertail was white with black sub-terminal band.
Underwing largely white with prominent black wrists, primaries white with black tips.
Underside largely white with broad black belly band, chin and neck were white with white or lightly streaked breast.

Reddish tail?? Should be discernible at 50 yds.

16. Voice:

not heard

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

All other Buteos differ in size, shape and plumage; there is only a superficial resemblance to a female Marsh Hawk.

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

19. Previous experience with this species:

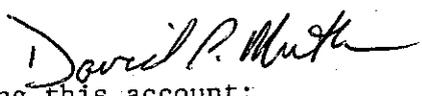
20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation;

b) after observation:
Peterson and Robbins

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation; XXX memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: 

24. Date and time of writing this account:

April 11, 1982

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Validation Form

Record Number 82-3 Species Rough-legged Hawk

Committee Member's Name Harland D. Guillouy Date of Review 16 Feb 1983

Circulation: First ; Second ; Third .

Decision: Accept
Reject, origin questionable
Reject, identification questionable

Comments (please type or print):

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Record Number 82-3 Species ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

Committee Member's Name H.H. JETER Date of Review 22 III 83

Circulation: First ✓; Second ; Third .

Decision: Accept ✓
Reject, origin questionable
Reject, identification questionable

Comments (please type or print):

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Record Number 82-3 Species Rough-legged Hawk

Committee Member's Name Remsen Date of Review 28 April 1983

Circulation: First ; Second ; Third .

Decision:

Accept

Reject, origin questionable

Reject, Identification questionable

Comments (please print or type): all field marks by experienced observers,
(including some mention of shape)

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Record Number 82-3 Species Rough-legged Hawk

Committee Member's Name Tom Schulenberg Date of Review _____

Circulation: First X; Second _____; Third _____.

Decision:

Accept

X

Reject, origin questionable

Reject, Identification questionable

Comments (please print or type):

(Use reverse and add additional sheets, as necessary)

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Validation Form

Record Number 82-3 Species Buteo lagopus

Committee Member's Name Purringdon Date of Review 1/11/83

Circulation: First ✓; Second ; Third .

Decision:

Accept ✓

Reject, origin questionable

Reject, Identification questionable

Comments (please print or type):

*1 personally saw the bird. Typical Rough-legged
with whitish head, black belly band, tail white
at insertion, black subterminal band. Good description
by Muth*

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Record Number 82-3 Species Rough-legged Hawk *Buteo lagopus*
Committee Member's Name Buford Mac. Myers III Date of Review 8 JAN. 1983

Circulation: First X; Second _____; Third _____.

Decision: Accept X
Reject, origin questionable _____
Reject, identification questionable _____

Comments (please type or print):

I am not certain that the bird was an immature,
but there can be no question ~~about~~ that it was a Rough-legged
Hawk.

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Validation Form

Record Number 82 - 3 Species Buteo lagopus

Committee Member's Name Robert Newman Date of Review 23 August 1983

Circulation: First x; Second _____; Third _____.

Decision:

Accept x
Reject, origin questionable _____
Reject, Identification questionable _____

Comments (please print or type):

Field marks given seem sufficient to support the identification, but I wish that the observer had mentioned the condition of the tarsi or at least explained why this feature was not observable. Also, if the Committee needs to pass on this observation, does it not further need to render a verdict on the subsequent sightings on other dates, which are barely mentioned?

(Use reverse and add additional sheets, as necessary)