

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
Louisiana Bird Records Committee

The following record:

96-08 Ferruginous Hawk

was accepted by a unanimous vote of the Members at the Annual Meeting, 6 September 1997, based on photographic and written evidence.

Donna L. Dittmann,
Secretary

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Report Form

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1. English and Scientific names: Ferruginous Hawk
Buteo regalis
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One 1st year bird, sex unknown.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Cameron
ca. 2 mi. W of Holly Beach on Rt. 82
(parish)
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 14 January 1996
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:20 - 8:40 am and again 11:40-12:00 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Daniel Lane
119 Foster Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Joshua Nove
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Paul Conover, et al. and others unknown to me.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): 1st encounter, strong morning sunlight (yellow light; see photo). 2nd encounter, sun higher, light excellent.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40
11. Distance to bird(s): As close as 20 feet.
12. Duration of observation: 40 min total (roughly)
13. Habitat: Bird was perched on telephone poles amidst coastal prairie within about 20 yards of the beach.

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
 Bird was discovered and observed while perched on a telephone pole. It became uneasy, flew to the next pole down, but again permitted close approach. This continued until
15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):
 A large Buteo hawk with long wings, bulky overall shape; larger than Red-tails (seen just before and after). Bill medium sized with gape extending below eye. Eye honey-colored. Tarsi feathered to feet (banded with black on various wash). Underparts cream with some arrowhead marks and streaks. Upperparts dull dark brown with white spotting on scapulars, median wing coverts. Head heavily streaked. Large, pale, rectangular panel on primaries visible in flight. see sketch
16. **Voice:** None given
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
 Gape length, feathered tarsi and overall size ruled out other Buteos.
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):
 Photo and sketch attached (both by Dan Lane)
19. **Previous experience with this species:**
 Seen in South and Central Texas Feb 1988, Montana and Idaho May-August 1993. Fairly extensively observed on both occasions
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
 a. at time of observation: None
 b. after observation: None
21. This description is written from: X notes made during the observation (X notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); _____ memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes.
23. Signature of reporter: Daniel Lane 17 Jan 1996 1:20pm
 (date) (time)

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REPORT FORM

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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, photographs, 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: Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 immature
3. Locality: Louisiana: LA Parish: Cameron
Holly Beach - Across Hwy 82 from old pier pilings
4. Date(s) when seen: January 21, 1996
5. Times of day when seen: 12:00 - 12:55 and 2:00 - 2:15
6. Reporting observer and address: Phillip Wallace
4515 S. Priour St., N.O., LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Curt Sorrells
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: Paul Conover, Dave Patton, interalia.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent; sun over gulf behind observers
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40 bins, Bushnell Spacemaster 22X
11. Distance to bird: 50-200 yds. Questar
12. Duration of observation: 55 min. and 15 min.
13. Habitat (general and specific): Over open fields across Hwy 82 from gulf; sometimes over the edge of the gulf; perched on power pole
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): Resting on power pole; flying over field, actively searching for prey; went down to the ground 3 times for prey. Hovered several times.
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):

Perched	[Head - medium brown on top, lighter brown around eye; dark eye line
	Belly, breast, neck, and throat - white
	Back and upper wings - medium brown

In Flight	[Under wings very light, essentially a white background. Clearly no dark patagial marks. Dark, well-defined wrist crescents. Dark feather edgings to underpri underwing coverts, setting off wing linings from flight feathers.
	Primary tips dark, but not as black as adjacent Red-tail.

	[Upper surface of wings - medium brown; minor white flecking on coverts; white primary patch wider and brighter than on Red-tail. White patch was only on the primaries; did not go onto greater coverts.
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Tail

Above - Base of tail, uppertail coverts, and rump - white (Thought we saw black spots on uppertail coverts.)

Wide, very light gray subterminal band blended into white tailbase.
Narrow white terminal band.

Below - uniform gray-white blending into white base

Soaring - wings held at a slight dihedral

Long-tailed; long, somewhat pointed wings (direct comparison w/ Red-tail)

Larger than Red-tail (direct comparison in flight)

16. Voice: None

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

Red-tail eliminated by absence of patagial marks.

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

Slides attached; videotaped by Sorrells

19. Previous experience with this species: Have seen adult in Wyoming

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

a) at time of observation; Clark and Wheeler, Hawks

Wheeler and Clark, North American Raptors: Photographic Guide

b) after observation:

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

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

23. Signature of reporter:

Phillip Wallace

24. Date and time of writing this account: March 8, 1996

5:00 pm

Immature

Sunny / Clear
50-100 yds.

Ferruginous Hawk

1/21/86

11:00-11:55

Holley Beach

Across from Pier Buildings 1 mi. w. of
Holley Beach Lot 82

Flight below

Underwings very light (white background)
Clearly no palatal marks
Primary tips dark. (but not as black as adjacent RTH#)
Dark well-defined wrist crescents
Dark feather edging to ^{feathers of} underwing coverts
White is predominant color to wing
wing base and primary/secondary

Belly at breast, Neck, Throat -
White

Tail - upper → black spots on white rump - ^{thought} we saw it
white rump and upper tail coverts
and base of tail was white
Very light gray subterminal band (wide)
Blended into the white.

Narrow white terminal band -

Tail from below - uniform gray/white
through out; blending into white base

Back and upper wing brown (medium)

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Wings in flight

Upper surface

Medium brown.

White primary patch wider than
on RTTA and brighter. Much
more contrast w/ brown coverts and rest of wing.

Only primaries were white (patch) - not
more white flecking on upper wing coverts
coverts.

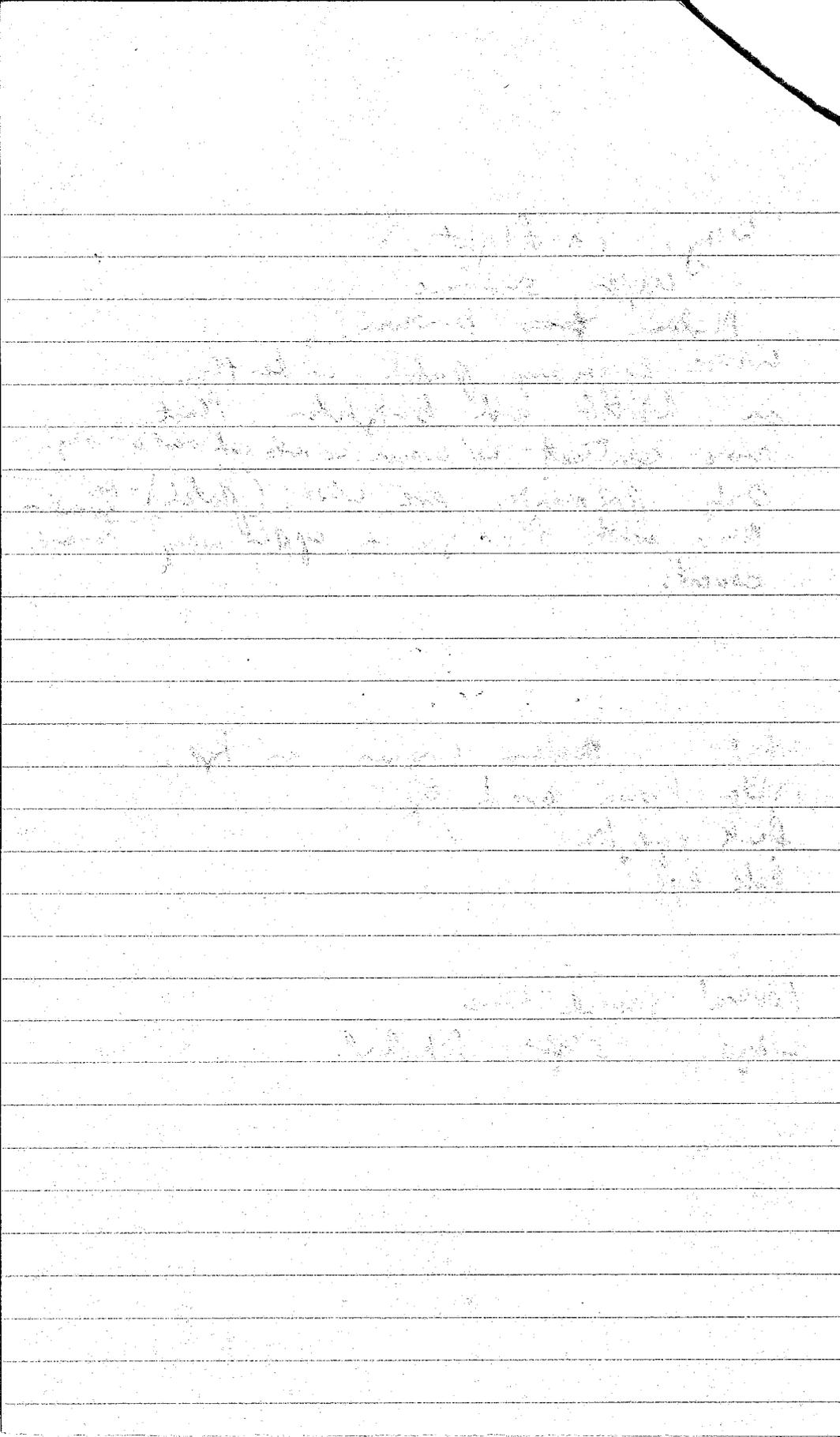
Head - medium brown on top,
lighter brown around eye.

Dark eye line

Pale eye?

Hovered several times.

Wings - slight dihedral.



Larger than RTWA
direct comparison. in
flight

In flight
Silhouette

Long-tailed

Long wing; somewhat pointed
(direct comparison w/ RTWA)

Open fields across Hwy 88 from
Gulf

Went down ^{to ground} 3 times for prey.

Rest sailing and perched.

Actively searching for prey.

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1. English and Scientific names: *Ferruginous Hawk*
Buteo regalis
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 immature
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Cameron
Approx. 2 miles west of Holly Beach
(parish)
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 1-7-96
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:30 p.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Roger J. Broadlove
152 Alice Dr.
Pville 71360
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Charlie Lyon
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was to the north of the coast road, sun was at observer's back
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica ultra 8x42 excellent
11. Distance to bird(s): 35 yds out to 150 yds
12. Duration of observation: 5-10 minutes
13. Habitat: Hunting over open field

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Hovering in a 20 mph wind (changing without actually flapping) gliding, flying - etc.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):
Large, long-winged but so overhead reddish mottling on breast (slight) + on legs otherwise, whitish below; wings white below except f/a like running f/carpal area included to the body + dark primary tips. Head was much lighter than body. When seen f/above, mantle + secondaries were dark - hint of rust on secondary coverts + white wing patches on primary, or when seen f/below, tail was all white f/below, f/above, it was white w/pinkish on distal 1/3.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Kinglet, Red-tailed hawk, peregrine, lack huge white windows, lack red mottling on belly + legs.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
N/A

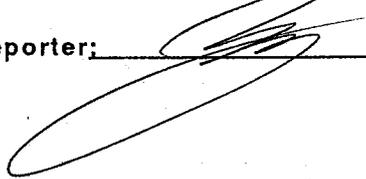
19. Previous experience with this species:
Fairly extensive. Seen many times in S. Texas in winter and out well.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: N.G. - Peterson's Hawk Guide
b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation (___ notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___);
 memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Absolutely

23. Signature of reporter:  1-8-95 12:30 p.m.
(date) (time)

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1. English and Scientific names: Ferruginous Hawk Buteo regalis
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one immature light morph - near-adult
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Cameron
(parish)
north side of Hwy 82 about 2 miles west of Holly Beach
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 7 Jan 96
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 2:30 pm
6. Reporting observer and address:
Charles E. Lyon
8617 E. Wilderness Way
Shreveport, LA 71106
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Roger Breedlove
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
David Paton observed the bird the next week or so after Roger & I reported the bird & he obtained photos.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny day with sun behind observers and the bird.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica 8x32 binoculars
Questar spotting scope
11. Distance to bird(s): the bird circled almost overhead and was followed out of sight
12. Duration of observation:
5-10 minutes
13. Habitat:
open marsh

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

The bird circled around, hovered for a considerable period of time, and at one point landed in the marsh.

15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

When I first saw this bird I immediately noted that it was larger winged than the adjacent Krider's Hawk and it had absolutely no patagial markings on the underwing. The entire underside of the bird appeared pale with the exception of a dark demarcation between the underwing coverts and the primaries & secondaries, and blackish tips to the primaries and secondaries. The legs were mottled with reddish streaking but the were not reddish overall as one would see in an adult bird. The tail from the underside appeared white but from above was white only at the base and the remainder was pale reddish. The face appeared to be pale overall and I certainly did not see any malar stripe. From above I noted extensive white wing panels at the base of the primaries. The back was overall dark but with the scope I did note some rufous mottling, but no white mottling that one sees with a Krider's Hawk.

→ I did not note any chirping and I suspect that a late immature near adult may not show this.

16. **Voice:** Silent

17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Krider's Red-tailed Hawk eliminated by shorter more rounded wings, patagial bar, lack of rufous on back and legs. There was a Krider's Hawk within 100 yds of this bird for excellent comparison.

18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):

photos later by Dave Patton.

19. **Previous experience with this species:**

I have seen this species on numerous previous occasions in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, and Texas.

20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: Clark's Wheeler Hawks

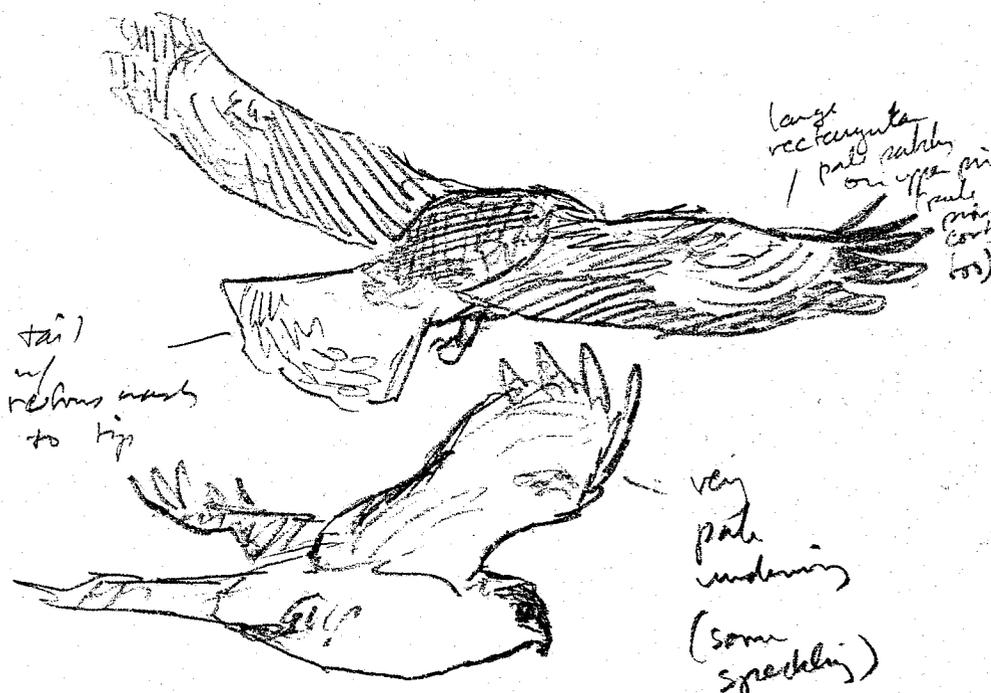
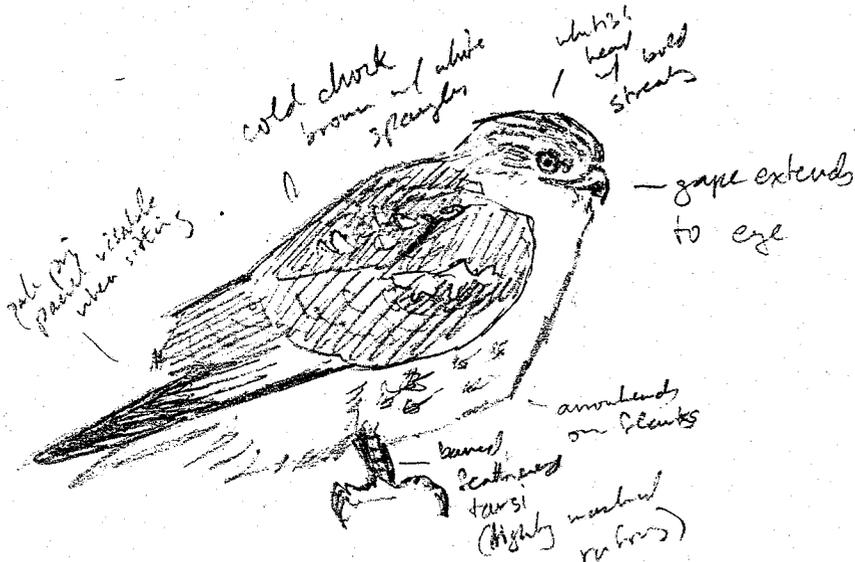
b. after observation: National Geographic Society Field Guide

21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation (___ notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___); ~~___~~ memory.

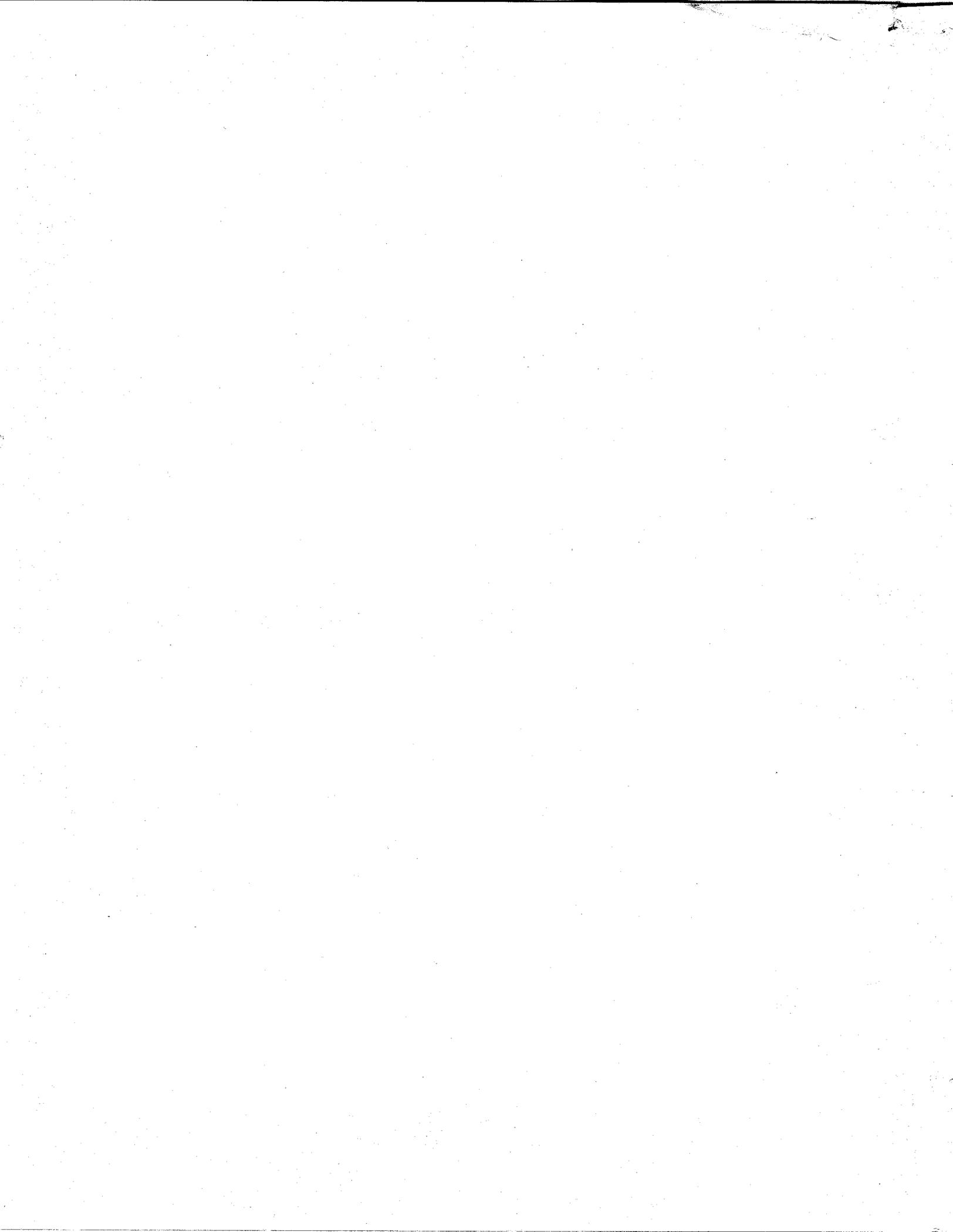
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

23. Signature of reporter: Charles E. Lyon 11-26-96 8⁰⁰ pm
(date) (time)

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1st year Ferruginous Hawk
 Holly Beach, LA
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1. English and Scientific names: *CRESTED CARACARA Polyborus plannus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *1, adult*
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: *Cameron* (parish)
Lacassine Wildlife Refuge - shot road to the right after entering (specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: *Feb- 22, 1997*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *8 AM*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Rosemary Seidler*
740 Prospect St.
Shreveport, LA 71104
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Charlie Lyson, Jean + Jeff Trahan
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *good morning light to our back & bird in full light front of*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Seen well with naked eye + binoculars (B&L 8x36). Seen thru Questar - no bands on bird.*
11. Distance to bird(s): *150 ft.*
12. Duration of observation: *10 minutes*
13. Habitat: *open marsh*

