

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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): 1 immature
3. **Locality:** LOUISIANA: Calcasieu
(parish)
on Fabacher Rd just south of Gum Island Rd
(specific locality)
4. **Date(s) when observed:** 1/29/98
5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** afternoon (3-4pm)
6. **Reporting observer and address:** Karen Fay
732 Wordsworth Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
7. **Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):**
Marty Goolry, David L'Hoste, Winston Cariveau
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): in full light of a partly sunny day
10. **Optical equipment** (type, power, condition): Bausch & Lomb Elites (8x42)
Swarovski scope (20-60X)
11. **Distance to bird(s):** 50-100 yards (not very good at estimating distances)
12. **Duration of observation:** 1/2 hr
13. **Habitat:** open field - probably used for cattle grazing

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Most of the time the bird was on the ground, where we were able to study it with our scopes.
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):
Unfortunately I did not make notes at the time since the bird had been reported for some time. I remember a finely streaked head with a strong supercilium, no particular reddish tones (more gray), & white patches in the wings that did not extend to the trailing edge, white base to the tail with a fairly wide dark tip. Winston had pointed the bird out to us & had been watching it for some time, hoping it would fly. Winston finally left & the bird finally flew over our heads as it crossed the road, which allowed us to see the light wing patches & dark trailing edge to the wing. Underparts were mostly white. Red-tailed size.
16. **Voice:** silent
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Kirtland's red-tail - white wing patches did not go to trailing edge of wing, not as square in shape.
Rough-legged hawk - mostly white underparts, dark tail tips did not form a well defined black band
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):
N/A
19. **Previous experience with this species:** I've seen adults several times in TX, OK. Observed immature on nest with adult in CO last year.
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: Nat'l Geographic, written description from L.A. BIRD
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:** yes (felt pos. abt. at the time, though I know this account would not stand up too well, since I didn't make any notes.
23. **Signature of reporter:** Ka Z 5/5/98 I will try to be
(date) (time) better in the future.)

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1. English and Scientific names: Ferruginous Hawk
Buteo regalis
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"):
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; Calcasieu Par.
(parish)
Fabacher Rd, 1/4 mi. N Rt. 108
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 18 January 1998
24 January 1998
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 18 Jan.: ca. 1 hr in the mid-morning
24 Jan.: ca. 15 min in early morning
6. Reporting observer and address:
Christopher C. Witt
Museum of Natural Science
119 Foster Hall
LSU
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Jayon Weckstein, Joe Kleiman, Rob Fausett, Calen Ickes, Dave Roark
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 observed under clear skies in the morning on the west side of Fabacher Rd. (in good light)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Zeiss 7x42; Swarovski AT80, 20-60x zoom.
11. Distance to bird(s):
variable between 75 m and 3/4 mi.
12. Duration of observation:
1 hour on 18 Jan
15 min on 24 Jan

13. Habitat: Open weedy field

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):
18 Jan: The bird was flying during most of the observation; perched twice briefly in distance.

24 Jan: The bird was sitting in an open field, flew briefly 25m, confirming ID.
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Large Buteo, slightly large for Red-tail, with noticeably longer, more tapered, pointed wings. Soared with significant dihedral. Upperparts brown, tinged slightly with red on upperwing coverts. Upper side of tail: basal 1/2 white, unbarred; outer 1/2 dark brown (possibly tinged red). Wingbeats show significant "flop" at wrist which is not apparent in relatively "paddle-winged" Red-tails. Primaries show roughly triangular-shaped white window set off by dark trailing edge (as viewed from upperside).

Underparts extremely white, lacking patagial mark of Red-tail, with wrist commas, and sparse speckling on underwing coverts & flanks. Tarsi fully-feathered (white)

Observed in company of numerous Red-tails, including imm. Krider's: easily distinguishable on basis of shape, behavior and plumage.

See Attached Field sketches, drawn immediately after observation

16. Voice: —

17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):

Red-tail eliminated by lack of patagial mark, belly-band and unfeathered tarsi. Also Red-tail has more rectangular wing window which extends to the trailing edge of the wing

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

19. Previous experience with this species:

Have seen numerous Ferruginous hawks in winter in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

A photographic guide to North American Raptors, by Wheeler & Clark

21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation; X notes made after the observation (date: 18 Jan); X memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)? Yes

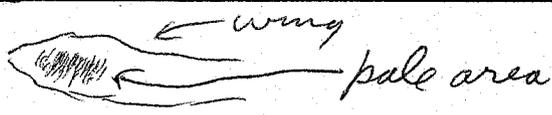
23. Signature of reporter: Christopher C. Witt 25 March 1998
(date)

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REPORT FORM

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1. English and scientific name: FERRUGINOUS HAWK (*Buteo regalis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 imm.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA state CALCASIEU parish
A FIELD AT THE NW CORNER OF LA 108 & FABACHER RD.
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: JANUARY 18, 1998, FEBRUARY 8, 1998
5. Times of day when seen: ~ 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.
6. Reporting observer and address:
JOSEPH P. KLEIMAN
15913 MALVERN HILL, B. R. 70817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
JASON WECKSTEIN, DAVE ROARK, CHRIS WITT, ROB FAUCETT, KAELEN? (DON'T KNOW LAST NAME)
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: NONE THAT I KNOW OF
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): SUN WAS AT OUR BACK BUT OVERCAST CONDITIONS MADE IT HARD TO SEE COLORS
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): ZEISS 10X40 & LEICA 20X TELEVID?? (GOOD COND.)
11. Distance to bird: 200 TO 400 YDS (?)
12. Duration of observation: ~ 1 HOUR
13. Habitat: BRUSHY FIELD - LOTS OF HAWKS IN AREA SO I SUSPECT THERE ARE LOTS OF RODENTS
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):
BIRD MOSTLY SEEN SOARING - HELD WINGS IN A DIHEDRAL, ALMOST N. HARRIER LIKE - QUITE OFTEN IT WOULD GIVE A FEW FLAPS AND THEN RESUME SOARING - I CAN'T DESCRIBE IT BUT FLIGHT BEHAVIOR DIFFERENT THAN THAT OF THE NUMEROUS RED-TAILS IN THE AREA.



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

A LARGE BUTEO, ABOUT SIZE OF RED-TAILED HAWK, BUT SHAPED DIFFERENTLY, WINGS WERE LONGER AND NARROWER THAN RED-TAILED HAWK AND THEY GAVE A POINTED RATHER THAN A ROUNDED APPEARANCE AT THE TIPS - BIRD HAD EXTENSIVE PALE AREA ON UPPER PRIMARIES THOUGH NOT AS MUCH AS NEARBY *Krideri* WHOSE WHITE IN THIS AREA EXTENDED ALL THE WAY FROM FRONT EDGE OF WING TO TRAILING EDGE - UPPER TAIL WAS TWO-TONED, WHITE AT BASE AND GRAYISH TOWARD TIP WHITE AREA WAS ~50% OF TAIL - UNDER WING SHOWED HINT OF WINDOW BUT NOT NEARLY AS EXTENSIVE AS TOP VIEW - DARK WRIST COMMA SEEN AND A THIN DARK BAND EXTENDED FROM COMMA TO BELLY - UNDERPARTS GENERALLY LIGHT - UPPERPARTS WERE BROWN OR GRAY-BROWN - OCCASIONALLY THOUGHT

16. Voice: NOT HEARD | WE SAW SOME RUFOS IN UPPER PARTS BUT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN WISHFUL THINKING - SAW BIRD EXTEND IT'S LEGS ONCE & THEY WERE FEATHERED (WHITE) - TAIL WAS LONGER THAN RED-TAILED HAWK'S TAIL (A LONGER, SLIMMER BIRD)

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):
SHAPE AND FLIGHT ELIMINATE RED-TAILS IN GENERAL -
WHITE PRIMARY PATCH (SIZE & EXTENT) ELIMINATE KRIDER'S
RED-TAIL - ALSO FEATHERED TARSII ELIMINATE RED-TAILS
LIGHT UNDERPART PATTERN ELIMINATES ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

TOO FAR AWAY FOR PICTURES

19. Previous experience with this species:

SEEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OUT WEST AND TWICE IN TEXAS, ONCE IN LOUISIANA

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

- a) at time of observation: NATI GEOGRAPHIC & BIRDERS WHO WERE PRESENT
- b) after observation: CLARK & WHEELER

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; _____ notes made after observation (date: _____); memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: *Joseph P. Korman*

24. Date and time of writing this account:

1/19/98, 10:00 P.M.

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2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 1 immature
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Calcasieu Parish
off Fabacher Rd.
(parish)
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 18 January 1998
5. Time(s) of day when observed: observed the bird for about 1 hour during mid morning (w/ 10:30am - 11:30am?)
6. Reporting observer and address:
Jason Weikstein
Museum of Natural Science
119 Foster Hall
LSU
Baton Rouge LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Chris Witt, Joe Pleimann, Rob Faucett, Kaldin Eches, & Dave Rowke
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
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9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): we were looking west while the sun was in the east. the bird was front lit.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40BG* 1/3
Spacemaster 60mm objective w/ zoom eyepiece.
11. Distance to bird(s): From about 100 meters up to a mile away.
12. Duration of observation: The bird was initially 100 meters away, eventually flew further from the road.
w/ 1 hour

13. Habitat: Grassy field w/ scattered hedgerows.

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation): Flew over open field, Perched 2 times far in the distance (~ 2 miles away?)

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; if possible, give details on 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. Attach additional pages as necessary): to far to see any detail

[see attached sketch w/notes]; No Dark markings on patagium, had dark wing commas, tail dark on distal 1/2 (on upperside) and light on basal 1/2 (white base to tail). Mostly white underwing 1/3 belly, back 1/3 upperwing coverts red-brown, base of primaries shows white window not as extensive as window on Kriders Red-tail.

[we had 2 imm Kriders at this same site 1/3 were able to make side by side comparisons in flight]. The Ferrug's window was sort of triangular in shape, the inner primaries on the Ferrug had dark tips so the trailing edge of the wing is dark including the window. On the Kriders, the windows extended to the tips of the primaries. The Ferrug had more pointed wings than the Kriders.

16. voice: Red-tail (which had very "square" wings). The Ferrug had more pointed wings than the Kriders. The Ferrug had fully feathered tarsi.

17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?): Kriders Red-tailed Hawk (see description)

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

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen this species in Colorado 3 several times in N. Dakota. I also have experience w/ Kriders Red-tailed Hawk in MN 1/3 N. Dakota.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation:

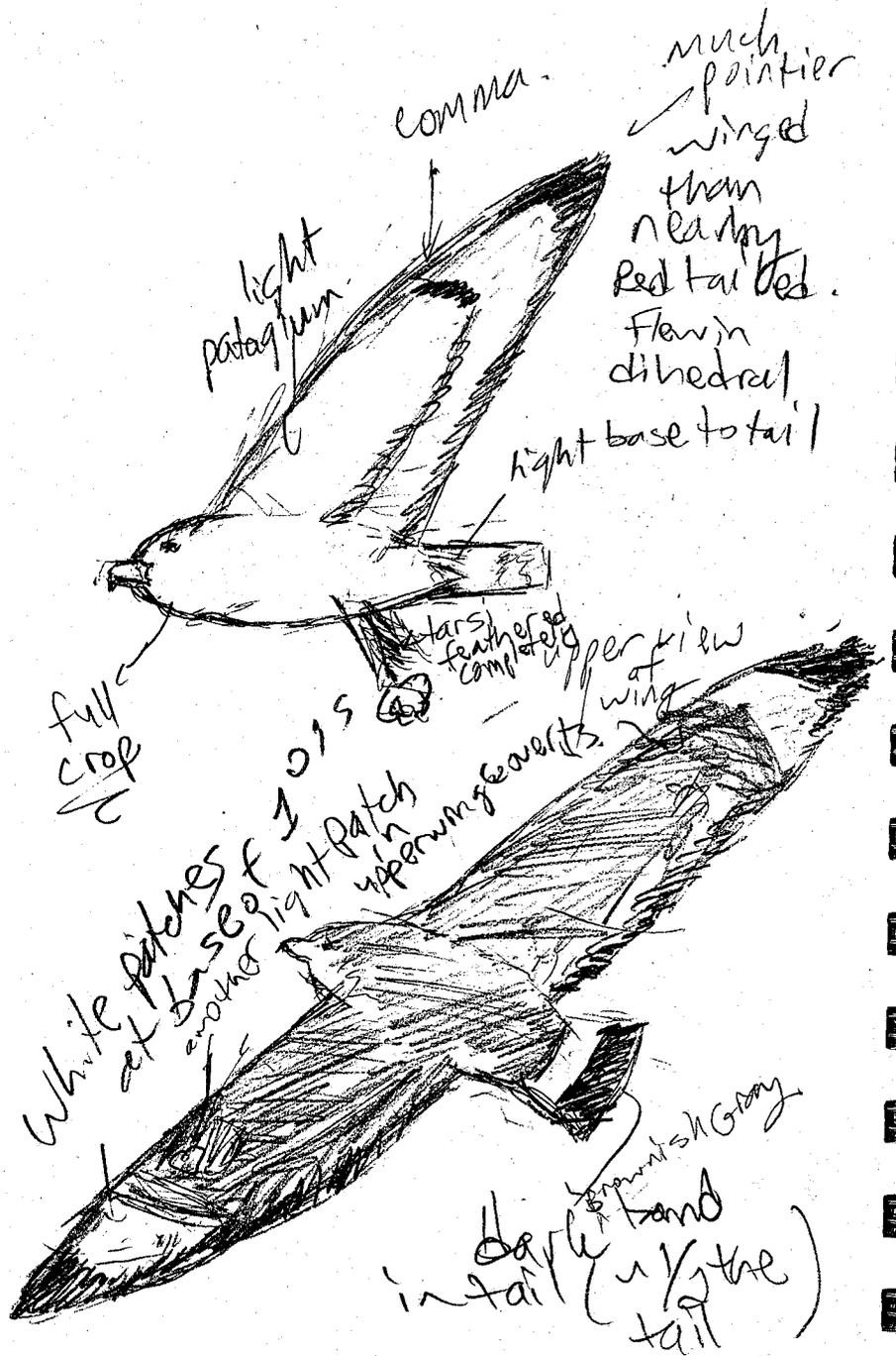
b. after observation: Nat. Geo guide 1/3 Wheeler 1/3 Clark Photographics Guide to N. Am. Hawks.

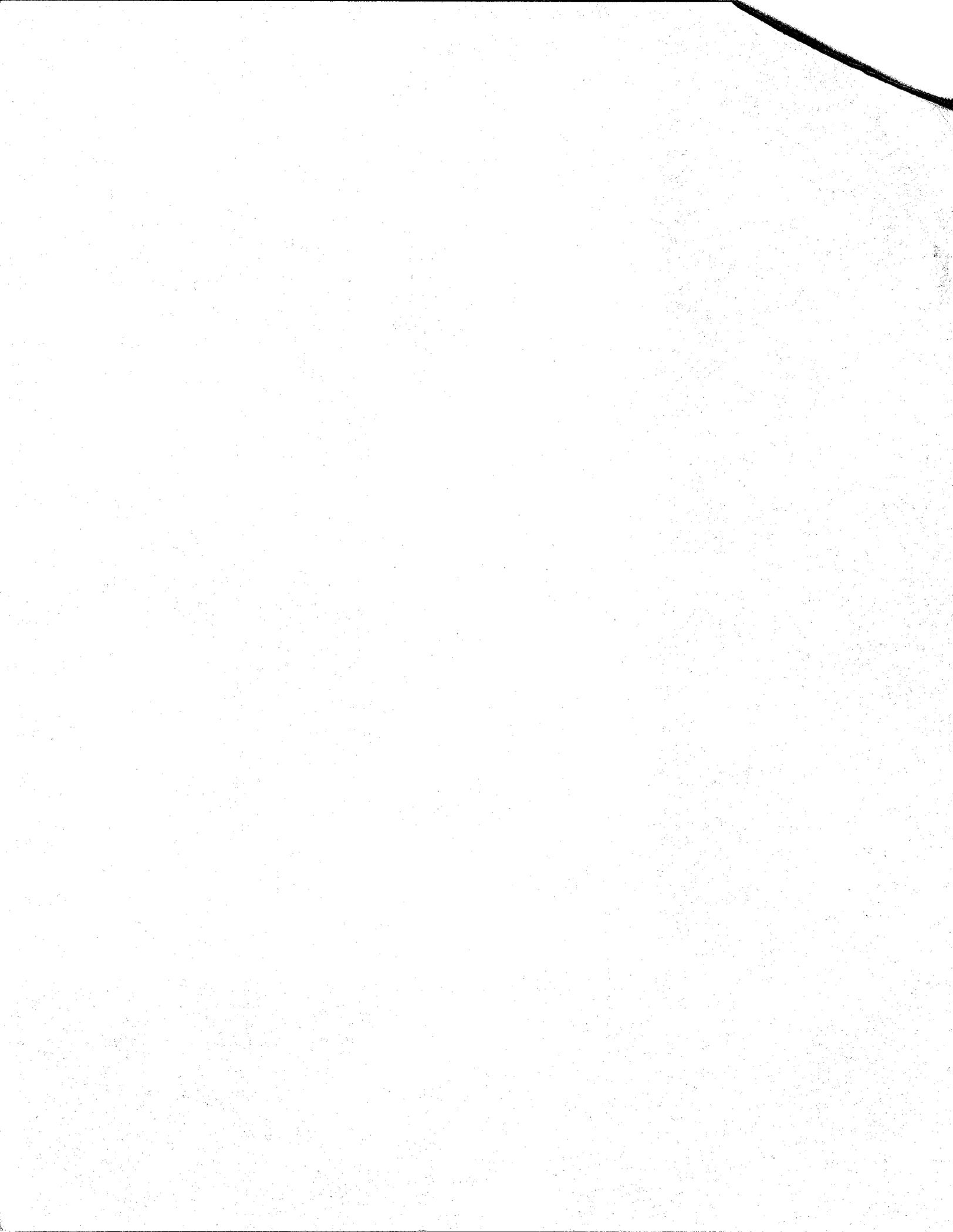
21. This description is written from: X notes made during the observation; ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___); ___ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain?): Notes transcribed from tape recorded notes taken during observation. YES

23. Signature of reporter: Jan Newell (date)

Feb 18 Jan 1998 Ferruginous Hawk
Just off of 108

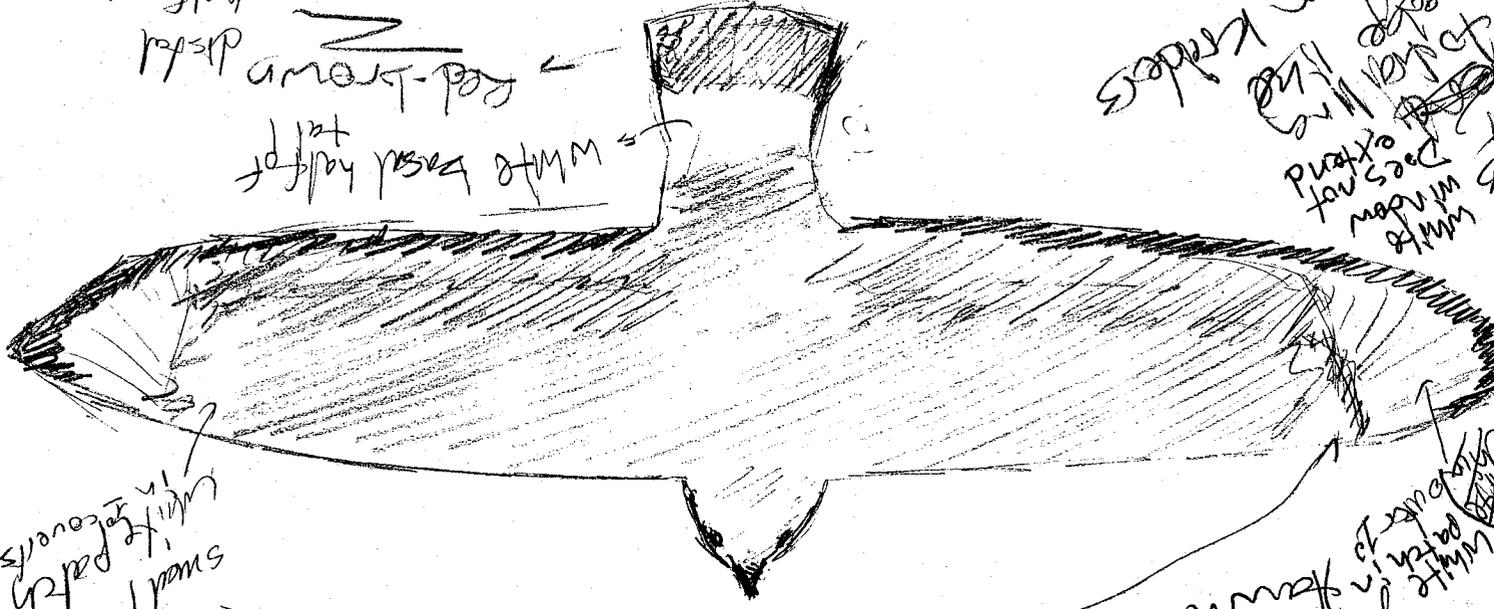




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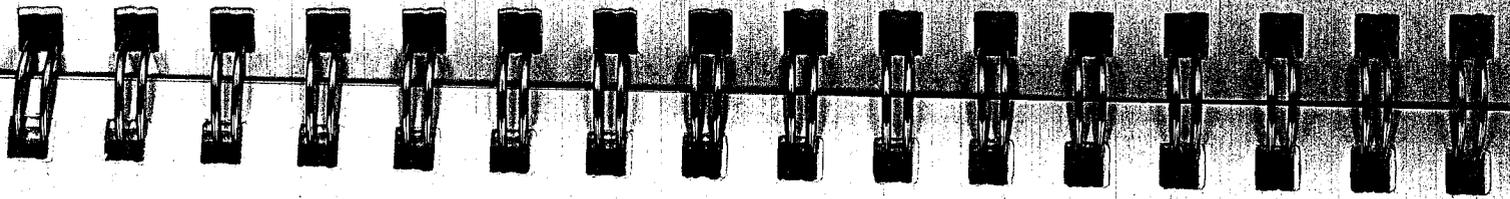
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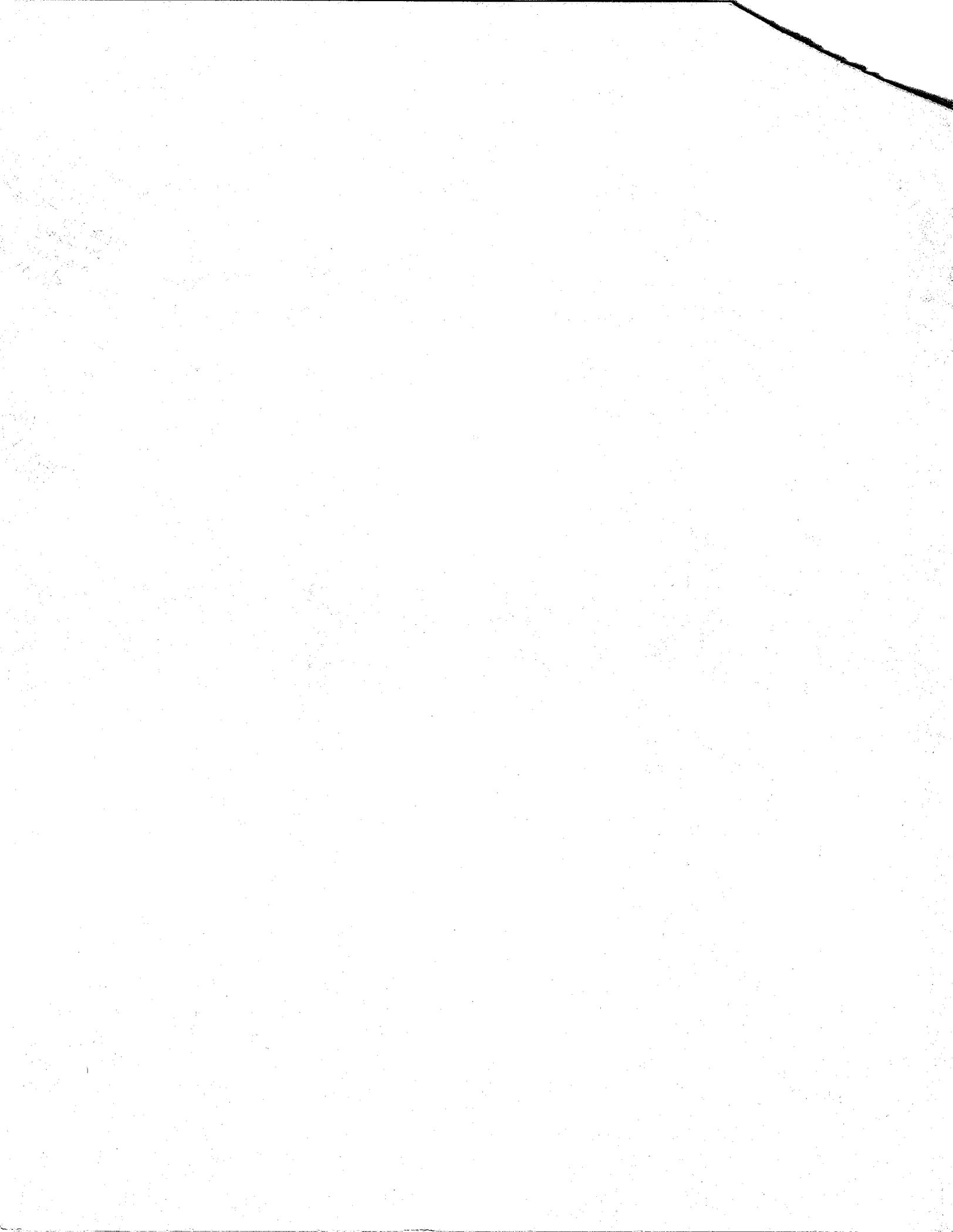
on knees
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Small
white patch
in forewings

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in
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18 Jan 1998
upperside



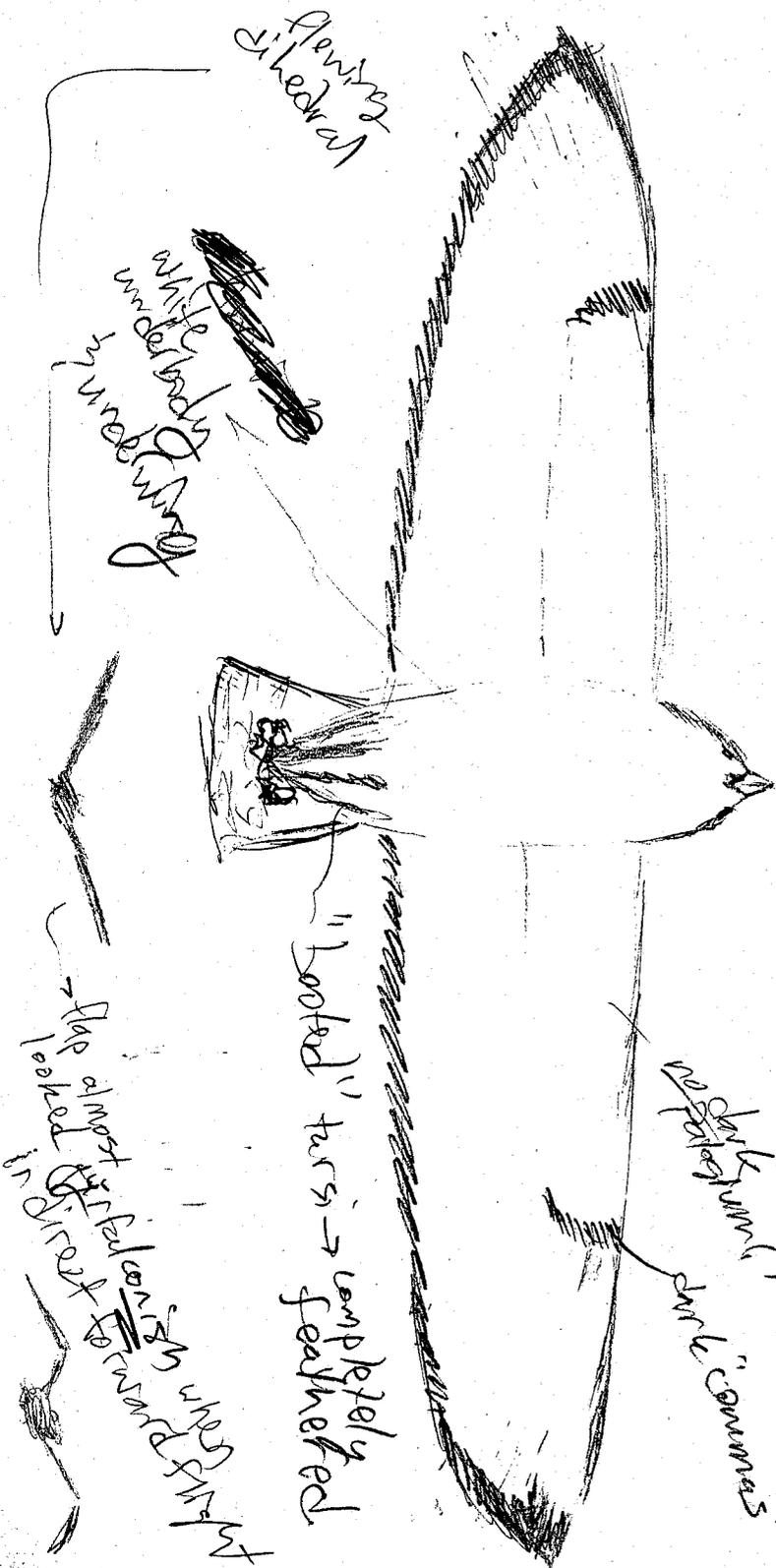


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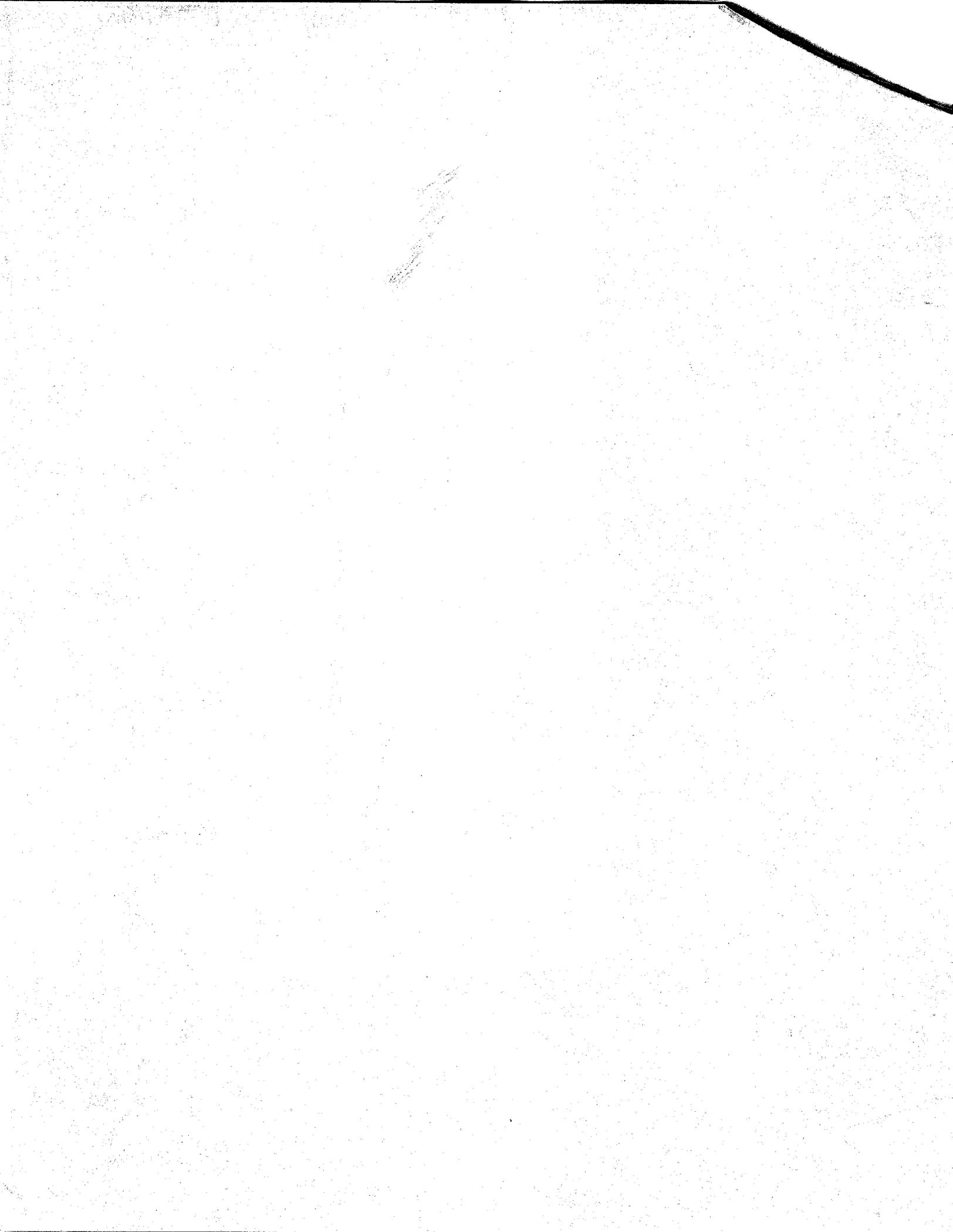


flashing
side view

white
underbody
in underbody

"looked" tarsi → completely
faded

flap almost
"looked" in direct
flight
with wings
spread



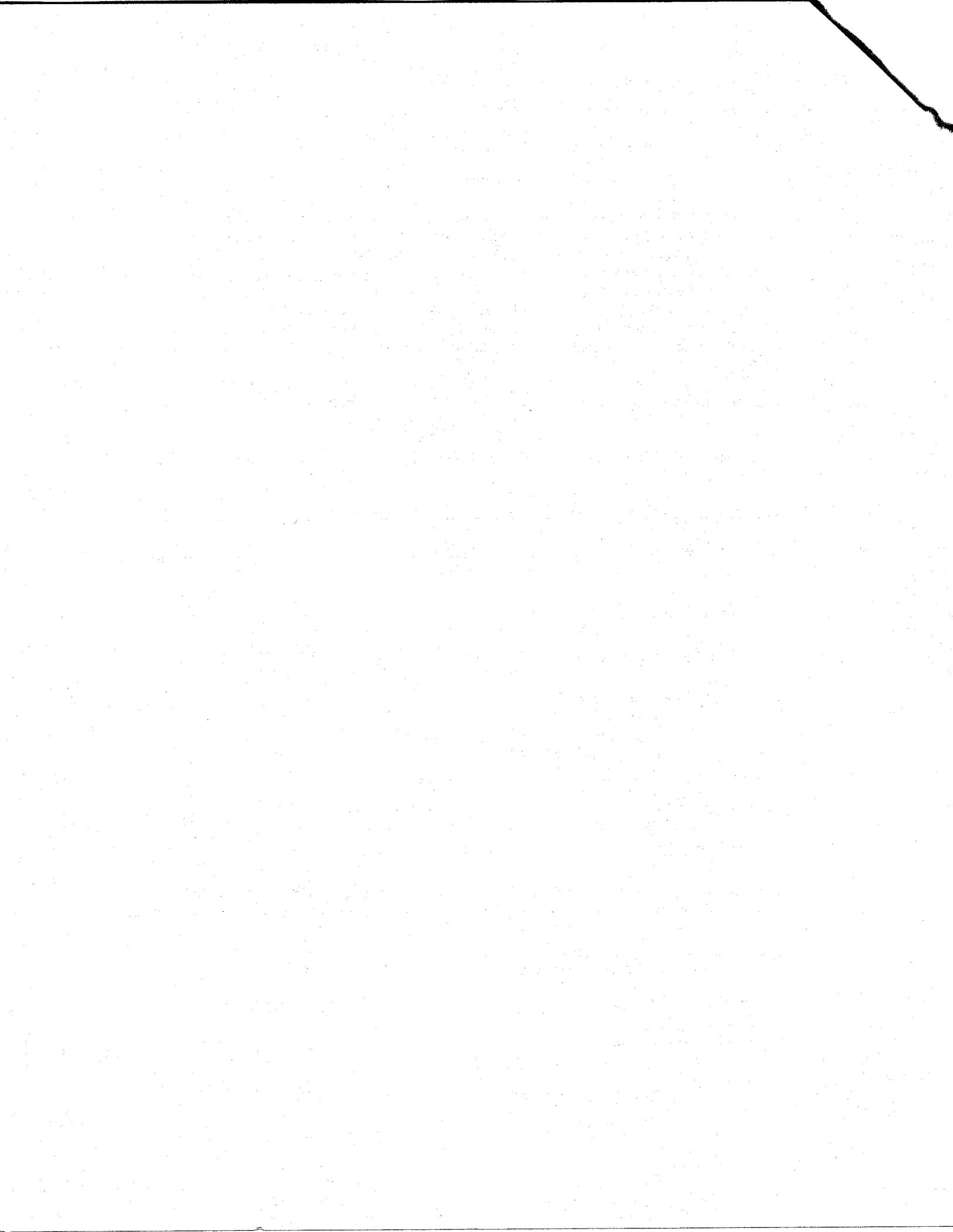
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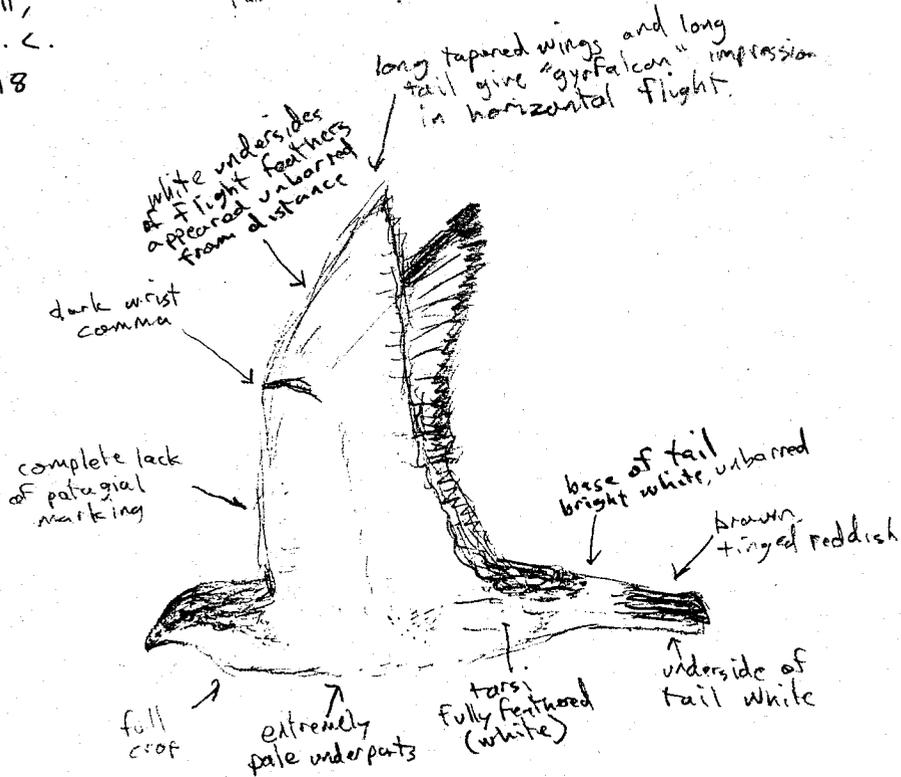
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22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)?: Yes

23. Signature of reporter: Christoph C. Will 25 March 1998
(date)



Witt,
C.C.
1998



floppier wingbeats than Red-tail



brown upperparts tinged with red on upper wing coverts



white patch on primary coverts

white window in primaries set off by dark trailing edge



Rt. 108

Calcasieu Parish

Ferruginous Hawk (Buteo regalis) 18 January 1998

