

## Louisiana Ornithological Society's

## LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## Report Form

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: *Ferruginous Hawk*  
*Buteo regalis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 - Adult plumage - light morph
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Red River Parish - E of La Hwy 1  
2 1/2 mi. N of Armistead, 1/2 mi S of Hwy 177 x La 1.  
(parish)  
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 2 Apr 94
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:45 am
6. Reporting observer and address: H. C. HERVEY JR  
203 Hervey Dairy Rd, Stonewall, La 71078
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Pat Hervey - same address
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
None known
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny - Bird NE of my location - flew SE down river
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 32X Bushnell Scope  
9.5X Celestron UD
11. Distance to bird(s): 150 yds - perched, quarter front view
12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
13. Habitat: open brush just across Red River levee  
from cropland

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):  
Bat nervous, head turning approx 2 min, flew w/ mostly strong wingbeats, a couple of short glides.
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):  
Head - very large - bill large - slight supercilious line  
Wing coverts & back - brownish red - redder than R.T.H.  
Tail - whitish w/ no bars  
Underparts - light to white - no belly band  
Wing - Primaries - "windows", toward outer primaries visible from below & above in side view flight  
Legs - Dark V against light belly
16. **Voice:** None heard
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
Large size eliminates verteci RT also wing color  
Imm AT Hawk - No stripes on under parts, ferruginous color of wings clearly seen, No tail bars.
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):  
No -
19. **Previous experience with this species:** Yes - Also an experienced Hawk  
N. Mexico - N.E. near Taiban & Tzumcari Counter  
S. Texas - 5 indiv on LOS lead Trip  
Ariz - Near Flagstaff & elsewhere
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
a. at time of observation: Nat Geog guide  
Petersons Hawks #35  
b. after observation:  
Peterson - Eastern, Western & Texas guide - Golden
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: H C Harvey Jr 27 May 95  
(date) (time)