

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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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 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 ³⁰pm
6. Reporting observer and address:
Charles E. Lyon
2617 E. Wilderness Way
Shreveport, LA 71106
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Roger Broadlove
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
David Patton 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 perching 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: ___);
X memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: Charles L. Linn 1-26-96 8⁰⁰ pm
(date) (time)

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1. English and Scientific names:

Ferruginous Hawk

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

Butor ~~Regalis~~

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. Broadbent
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

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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, 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, inter alia.
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 82X
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 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.

tail, uppertail coverts, and rump - white (Thought we saw black
on uppertail coverts.)
very light gray subterminal band blended into white tailbase.
narrow white terminal band.
low - uniform gray-white blending into white base

Soaring - wings held at a slight dihedral

Long-tailed; long, somewhat point 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:

I. H. Wallace

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

5:00 pm