

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 dark phase juvenile
3. Locality: Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Cameron Prairie NWR Headquarters Unit
4. Date(s) when observed: Jan 17, 2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:10pm - 1:50pm.
6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Gerry Click
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): found by other birders several days earlier.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): mostly sunny. Bird was soaring, gliding, and hunting in direct sun.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Alpen 8x42 binoculars in good condition.
11. Distance to bird(s): less than 100 feet up to 180 yards.
12. Duration of observation: off and on for nearly an hour.
13. Habitat: flooded fields and grassy fields at Cameron Prairie NWR headquarters unit.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): soaring, gliding, and hunting. Chased twice by NOHA. Once loosely associating with TUVU.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: 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 buteo with fairly narrow, long, pointed wings. All dark body and under wing coverts and under tail coverts. Flight feathers much paler, almost white. Faint and narrow trailing edge on wings was dark. Also a dark but faint subterminal band on underside of tail indicating a juvenile bird.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Stakeout bird seen at same location previous day. Turkey Vulture eliminated by slightly smaller size, dark feathered head. Western RTHA eliminated by no red tail and narrower wings. Harlan's RTHA eliminated by no narrow banding along flight feathers and narrower wings. Dark Short-tailed Hawk eliminated by much less black on "fingers" of outer primaries and lighter flight feathers overall, and again long, narrow wings.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: none with dark morph; only light morph in Wyoming.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley; Nat Geo 6th ed.

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. Date: Jan 18, 2015 Time: 1:45pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes.

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes.

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