

# 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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at [<zoiseaux@lusfiber.net>](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net) .

1. English and Scientific names: [Ferruginous Hawk \(\*Buteo regalis\*\)](#)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
[1](#)
3. Parish: [Cameron](#)  
Specific Locality: [Cameron Prairie NWR headquarters](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [1 January 2015](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [ca. 12:00-12:15](#)
6. Reporting observer and address: [Van Remsen, LSUMNS](#)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Amy Shutt](#)
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): [low overcast, not good](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [10x50 binos](#)
11. Distance to bird(s): [ca. 100-300 yards](#)
12. Duration of observation: [ca. 10-15 mins](#)
13. Habitat: [seen from parking lot surrounding by scrubby trees, in turn surrounded by marsh .... not very appropriate for this species](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [soaring overhead; made one stoop to ground, out of sight](#)

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): [noted and identified at 60 mph as we passed headquarters – long wings with distinctive shape, slight dihedral, dark underwing coverts contrasting with pale remiges with dark tips. We turned around abruptly and were happy that the bird was still there. See photos for plumage details.](#)

16. Voice: [silent](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [The only raptor with a combination of dark underwings, pale remiges with dark tips, and pale on underside of tail would be dark Rough-legged Hawk. Differs from latter in lacking distinct black tail band, and in having whitish feathers in primary underwing coverts, reddish tones on upperparts. Also large bill and mouth evident in field, as was the distinctive wing shape of this species \(difficult to describe but long and pointy\).](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): [Amy Shutt was able to obtain several usable photos despite the bad light – three cropped ones are attached as well as one of the non-cropped originals.](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Seen perhaps 100 times in CO, CA and elsewhere, including one dark morph, likely same individual bird from plumage details, a few weeks ago in Jeff. Davis Parish.](#)

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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<a href="#">no</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<a href="#">2 Jan. 2015</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? [Yes](#). If not, explain:

23. Date: 2 Jan. 2015

Time: 21:30

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\_\_\_\_