

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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1. English: Ferruginous Hawk. Scientific: *Buteo regalis*
2. Number seen: 1, juvenile
3. Parish: Vermilion, Gladu Rd. not far from 699 and Jade Rd.
4. 3/28/16
5. Sometime after 10:30 a.m. and before 11:00 a.m.
6. Observer: Valerie Heemstra, 568 Manville Rd., Pleasantville, NY 10570
7. No other observers
8. Other observers of photograph who independently ID bird: James Van Remsen, who sent the photo to Bill Clark.
9. Light conditions: Full sun, but bird was standing on ground in meadow in tall grass which disturbed focus of camera. Photo was shot from car window.
10. Optical equipment: Canon SX50HS.
11. Distance to bird: 20-30 feet (estimate, it was 8 months ago)
12. Duration of observation: less than 3 minutes.
13. Habitat: meadow with tall grass. Observed Louisiana waterthrush and yellow-rumped warblers a little farther along the same road.
14. Behavior of bird: It was standing quietly in the meadow, when I first observed it from the car. I stopped the car and backed up. It watched me, although I did not attempt to get out of the car. It did not appear to be eating. It took off shortly afterwards.
15. Description: I had seen a female harrier standing in a meadow eating a mouse several days earlier, and thought at first this gray hawk might be a male harrier, but this bird was larger and obviously a buteo. It was bulkier, and I wrote "could be rough-legged, but gape extends to under eye," so I considered it might be a ferruginous juvenile.
16. Voice: No call or sound.
17. Similar species: Obviously a buteo, but new to me.
18. Photos: see below
19. No previous experience with this species
20. ID aids: Sibley Guide to Birds, p. 124; Hawks in Flight (Dunne, Sibley and Sutton), p. 73 (juvenile standing on ground), National Geographic Complete Birds of North America, p. 180. Bill Clark and James Van Remsen were helpful recently.
21. This description is written from my notes made soon after the observation.

22. I feel convinced this is a ferruginous hawk, even though I know it was out of its range.

23. Valerie L. Heemstra. Today's date: 12/3/16. Time: 8:26 p.m.

24. Yes, LBRC has my permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page. You may include my name with the report.





