

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: leucistic *Buteo jamaicensis*, leucistic Red-tailed hawk,
/ *Buteo regalis*, Ferruginous hawk
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
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3. Parish:
Ascension Parish
4. Specific Locality:
McCrary 1 RD, Prairieville, Louisiana, 70769
5. Date(s) when observed: September 8, 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:40 AM
7. Reporting observer: Pharaoh Wooten / Aurora Juneau
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Can't Identify
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Can't Identify
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, No clouds, 6 mph winds
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): iphone 14
12. Distance to bird(s): Spotted at about 10-12 yards above home, Video/Pictures around 25-30 yards up
13. Duration of observation: I videotaped for 20 seconds, watched for 3-4 minutes
14. Habitat: Suburban Neighborhood, Creek behind house, Large horse farm less than 0.5 from sighting
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flew above

home really low, around 10-15 mph, and then flew up about 30 yards and glided for about 3-4 minutes above my house then headed west.

16. 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):

White Hawk, Black Markings, Wing Span About 3 1/2 Feet, Body Length 14-18 inches, about the size of common red tailed hawk, Spots very similar to ferruginous hawk underside.

17. Voice: none

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Red Tailed Hawks are common in my area, i always see them doing almost the same thing as this one circling but for longer about 20 minutes per day, and they are Reddish-Brown/Black looking from far. This one flew really close to me and was bright white, though it was an egret for split second til i was its head and body.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

I videotaped September 8, 2025 11:41 AM same as the pictures, Recorded by Pharaoh Wooten

20. Previous experience with this species: None

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

Google Search, Chat GPT, Birda (APP), Birdscope (APP), Merlin Bird ID (APP)

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

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

Not Positive, after research most bird identification apps say red tailed hawk but others suggest it may be something different.

24. Date report completed:

September 9, 2025

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

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

Yes

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