

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 immature plumage

3. Parish: Cameron

Specific Locality: Trosclair Rd, S-curve at East end of Willow Island

4. Date(s) when observed: November 23, 2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:35-9:40 am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Phillip Wallace
City: Abbeville
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): I think it was seen by Paul Conover and David Muth.

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): Poor; there was a lot of backlighting.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle 8x42 bins

11. Distance to bird(s): 10-30 yards

12. Duration of observation: 3-4 minutes

13. Habitat: Pasture

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying; hovering over the edge of the highway. The hovering got my attention. I assumed it was the individual seen in the area by Paul Conover a couple of days earlier, but Paul said his bird was marked differently.

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*): Buteo with long wings; underwings pale, with dark commas in the carpal area; no dark patagial. Faint belly streaking.

16. Voice: None.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): The underwing pattern seems to rule out ID contenders.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Wallace accompany this report.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen a couple of times out west and a couple of times in LA.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley and Wheeler and Clark's Photographic Guide to North American Raptors

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: December 6, 2022

Time: 8:30 am

24. 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

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

