

Species: Red-shouldered Hawk (Vernacular Name) Buteo lineatus (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): Nov. 2 - Presently Time Bird Seen: many observations to

Locality: Along Boulder Cr. Behind Ball Bros Research - Commerce St

Nearest Town: in Boulder County: Boulder

Other observers who independently ^{eventually} identified this bird:

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<u>Bob Andrews</u>		
<u>Steve Larson</u>		
<u>Jeannette Conry-Welch</u>		

Optical Equipment: Swift 8.5 X 44mm Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: excellent, from behind

Distance from bird (how measured): as close as 30 ft. perched for 30 seconds

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: U Plumage: Immature

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: This bird has been observed flying below the crowns of this dense grove of riparian trees (Cottonwoods). I have seen it perched and calling uninterrupted for up to 15 minutes in a typical Red-shouldered hawk manner. It is always found within or immediately along the edge of the trees, flying up and down stream. It has flown in and perched as close as 30 ft. from me, curious of pygmy owl.
 Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. calls.
 Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

When in flight and perched, this buteo is clearly smaller than an immature Red-tailed Hawk. It is distinctly separable from an immature Broad-winged, by size and underwing, and most distinctly by voice.

Its flight is not accipiter-like, nor does it have wing and tail lengths of an accipiter.

On occasions of excellent light, there is a slight reddish tinge to the scapulars. No evidence of "windows" (not reliable)

= Streakings on the chest extended from lower throat → belly. (Important - the streaking was not localized in the "belly-band" area as in Red-tailed immatures. Also there was no whitish near the base of the tail as in immature Red-tail Hawks.

- The wing-linings showed contrast with the remiges. (unlike immature Broad-winged.

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Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc: The repeated - pheer, pheer... (15 minutes duration) given while perched. I have heard it on 3 separate occasions.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Dense Riparian/Riparian edge.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Separable from Red-tail by:

- 1 - Voice - see above
- 2 - Behavior - see above
- 3 - Slightly smaller ∴ more rapid flight
- 4 - Ventral streaking more extensive - see above
- 5 - Lacks white at base of tail

Separable from Accipiters by:

- 1 - Voice
- 2 - Flight
- 3 - Buteo wings and tail
- 4 - Behavior

Separable from Broad-winged Hawk by:

- 1 - Voice
- 2 - Size
- 3 - Tail length
- 4 - Underwing contrast

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have seen this species perhaps 75-100 times in the Central Valley of California (C.V. contains large breeding populations) under all conditions, nesting, feeding fledgelings, killing snakes, etc. This bird is a Red-sh. Hawk

Broad-winged - once in Dec 74 at Monterey CBC. from 50 ft, perched, flying.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

This report was written from notes made during shortly after ☒ observation; from memory ☐

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☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

accepted GR 2/20/74

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Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME Bruce BaslerADDRESS 5TELEPHONE noneOptical Equipment: 7 X 35 Bushnell BinocLight Conditions: clearDistance from Bird (how measured): 30 yd. estimateNumber of Birds Seen: 1Sex: ?Plumage: immatureOverall Appearance and Size: slim Buteo about 15" long

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): hooked yellowLegs (shape and color): raptorial yellowCrown and Forehead: brown fine streaking

Eye (color):

Nape: brown

Face:

Throat: white streakedBreast and Sides: white heavily streaked with brownBelly and Flanks: white heavily streaked with brownUndertail Coverts: whiteBack: brown white spottingWings: brown white spotting faint red at shoulder white window at tipsUnderwings: light black primary tipsRump: brownUppertail Coverts: brownUpper Side of Tail: barred brown black (distinct)Under Side of Tail: barred gray black

Shape of Tail:

Voice: two syllabled whistle first higher than second repeated oftenBehavior: Sat low & deep in the branches of trees, not in the openHabitat: riparian woodland heavy under-storyPrior Experience with this Species: seen in east

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Call unlike that of any other North American Hawk. Imm. Red-tailed lacks streaks on breast tail not as strongly banded throat white larger heavier bodied. Imm. reddish shoulder. Broad-winged lacks reddish shoulder has white throat. tail banding not as broad. Swainson's lacks reddish shoulder has white throat.

This Report was written From: Notes made during after ☒ observation; MemorySigned: Steve BaslerStreet Address: 2955 Glenwood Dr #214Date Prepared: 11-30-74Town and State: Boulder ColoZIP: 80301