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## APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS  
FOR  
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDSSpecies: Red-shouldered Hawk; Buteo lineatus  
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 1.7.92 Time Bird Seen: 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM.Locality: 721 Springway Richard Roth's property  
Pueblo, Pueblo County, Co.  
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: Zeiss 10x40 binoculars; Questar Telescope

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Immature, EasternLight conditions: LIGHT OVERCASTDistance from bird, and how measured: 40 ft TO 150 yds. paced offDescribe the bird's overall behavior: HUNTING from perches 10-30ft. off ground DROPPING TO ground every 3-10 min. Tree perch 1/2-3/4 UP TREE - NOT ON TOP.Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: ① Riparian adjacent to small pond & stream. ② adjacent more open rural field AND about farm buildings.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

DAVE SILVERMANJohnie Dickson& M.O. with Ark. Valley Audubon Soc. ON 1.11.92



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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field. Overall size smaller than red-tailed & larger than Broad-winged. Relatively long tail projecting 1 1/2 - 2" beyond wings on perched bird. Medium gray bill & yellow cere. Light brown iris. Medium brown head & nape & lighter brown streaking. Paler supercilium and dark malar stripe. Medium brown back & much lighter brown patches in upper wing coverts & scapulars. Buff crescents in primaries striking when bird drooping to ground on bowed wings. Rufous lesser wing coverts barely detectable in best light conditions. Legs, feet yellow. Long legs. Long tail 1 1/2 - 2" beyond wings. 3/4" dark tail band & 1/8" light brown bands. 4 toes in adult. Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

None

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

~~Broad-winged~~ Hawk - This bird has wide dark & narrow light TA  
BA  
could also see suggestion of rufous in lesser upper wing coverts - crescents in base of primaries  
Red-tailed Hawk - Above reasons & this hawk too small  
Prior experience with this and similar species:  
Several red-shoulders seen in Tex., Fla., Calif

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

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## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS RARE BIRD REPORT



SPECIES: Red-shouldered Hawk  
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Buteo lineatus  
NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: one SEX: — PLUMAGE: immature (eastern)  
DATE(S) SEEN: 10, 11, 17 January 1992 TIME(S) SEEN: various; a total of ~2 hrs obs.  
LOCALITY: Springway Dr. (off 24 Rd.) east of Pueblo off old hwy 50.  
NEAREST TOWN/COUNTY: Pueblo (Blanco) 1 Pueblo  
OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: B&L 10x42 bins; Kowa 20-60x scope  
PHOTOGRAPHED: YES — NO ✓ PHOTO SENT WITH REPORT: YES — NO —  
LIGHT CONDITIONS: Various, both cloudy & sunny  
ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM BIRD: 100-400 yds; but as close as 30-40 ft. on Jan 10.  
WHO FIRST OBSERVED BIRD? Bob Roth (homeowner) & first correctly identified by Bob Dick  
OTHER OBSERVERS: Brandon Percival, D. Silverman, V. Truan, D. Nelson, D. Johnson, D. Schottler  
REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING ✓, OR AFTER — OBSERVATIONS.

## HABITAT IN WHICH BIRD OBSERVED:

Residential area atop the bluff overlooking the Arkansas River. This area is studded with large & small trees, houses, many telephone poles and denser groves of cottonwoods along seeps & springs.

## BIRD'S BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS:

The bird actively moved from phone pole to pole (5 moves/7 minutes, on 1<sup>st</sup> sighting). Sometimes it used perches about 1/2-way to 2/3-way up in bare trees, but never at the top. It sometimes wagged its tail back & forth upon landing and would look around actively. Flight was low, (never soaring) direct & purposeful. Flapped, then glided with slightly bowed wings; no dihedral.

## BIRD'S CALLS OR SONG:

Not heard.



Describe in great detail the bird(s) that you saw. Emphasize the essential field marks that you used to identify the bird(s). Include general size, shape, plumage and color pattern. Add information on the shape, size and color of bill, head, upper and undersides, back, rump, wings, tail, legs and feet and any other details that were helpful or essential to the identification.

Small, slender rather long-legged Buteo, about 16" long. The bird had broad, rounded wings that reached to about 1 1/2" short of tail tip when perched. Uppersides flat brown with blotchy off-white or tan mottling on scapulars. I did not observe any hint of red shoulders. Head showed obscure whitish supercilium and white streaking on rear face, sides of neck and nape.

Undersides white, with reddish-brown markings, formed vaguely into a finely barred pattern. Tail ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> rather long (in flight & perched) with a ragged, worn tip. In color ~~it is~~ <sup>tail was</sup> brown, with 4 narrow tan bars. The primaries seemed long & pointed in the folded wing, projecting well beyond the weakly barred, blunt edge of the folded secondaries.

The legs and cere were yellow. The bill seemed quite small & delicate (though hooked) for a Buteo.

An excellent mark in the flying bird were the subterminal tan crescents, glaringly obvious in the primaries of the spread wing.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Accipiters would have much shorter wings & longer tail when perched. Harrier has white rump, facial disk. Falcons have pointed wings. Imm. Gray Hawk has splotchy white face. Broad-winged Hawk (imm) lacks tan windows in primaries, has shorter tail, less distinct white eyeline. Red-t Hawk lacks tan crescent-shaped windows, has dark patagial marks, shorter legs & tail, larger bill. Rough-l. Hawk has black & white tail, strong dihedral. Ferrug. Hawk has whitish tail, whiter below, is larger with more pointed wings. Behavior points to Red-sh. Hawk rather than these other species as well.

Prior experience that you have with this and similar species:

I've seen all the above-named hawks. My most recent experience with Red-sh. Hawk was in Feb 91 in S. Florida.

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