

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Red-shouldered Hawk / Buteo lineatus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 7-8 May '93Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Plumage: ImmatureLatilong: 4 Distribution Code: R Habitat Code: RPLLocality: Martinez Park along Poudre River Elevation: 5000'Nearest town: Fort Collins County: LarimerTime(s) observed: 5/7: 3 times 15-20 sec. each 5/8: 1 time 5 minutesDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): (see above)

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Dave Ely (5/8/93 - (seen perched (with me) & independently soaring & being mobbed by grackles, etc.) 4501 E. Broadway
FC 80525
225-1047

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Joe & Adam Mammoser (5/8/93 - observed soaring over river for several minutes) 223-2187 Ft. Col.

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

5/7 - bird was s.e. of me, light @ west 5/8 - bird was NW of us, light @ SEOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7x50 binocs (5/7 & 5/8), 40x Spacemaster (5/8)Distance and how measured: Closest view was ~ 50 meters. Perched on 5/8 was 75 metersIf photographed, type of equipment and film: No photosWho else photographed the bird: NobodyDescribe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): Always in trees when not flying, and even then it stayed within the trees below tree top level. Very rarely flapped - soared like big accipiter. Very wary, seemed nervous. When perched did not sit out on edge of crown but somewhere in interior.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field:

Buteo-shape, roughly the same bulk as red-tailed but slimmer. Appeared somewhat long-tailed. Back & head & back medium brown with noticeable white mottling across

Description (continued): back (not unlike large whitish spots on immature sharp-shinned hawk). Tail with dark bands & light bands of about equal width (at least 5 of each) plus a wider black terminal band. Malar stripe dark & noticeable, even in flight. White patch at base of primaries above & below in flight. yellow cere. Under sides (breast & belly white with heavy streaking.)

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

Call only heard once — two syllables. Not unlike that of broad-winged hawk but not as high-pitched nor as clear a whistle. Do not know

posture of bird (nor position) when given.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

moist riparian woodland (cottonwood-willow-boxelder) on edge of softball complex & other large areas of open grass (park).

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Bigger & longer-tailed than ^{immature} broad-winged hawk. Heavier streaking below.

Tail with more stripes. White wing crescents were the clincher. Nonetheless, this is a tough identification and one not arrived at easily. Sounded rather than stopped, even when passing thru tree tops.

I have seen two or three immature broadwings in CO, no red-shouldered

hawks (in any plumage) in CO. Lots of experience with adults of both in Ohio & California (red-shouldered). Not a lot of experience w/ immatures anywhere. List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) At time of observation: None

b) After observation: All std. field guides incl. Nat'l. Geo., Peterson & Hawk Fieldguide

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation X, from memory X

Date and time report was written: May 9, 1993

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