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## 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): MAY 29th 1998Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: - Plumage: 1ST SUMMERLocality: GREGORY CANYON Elevation: 5500 FTNearest town: BOULDER County: BOULDERTime(s) observed: 6:30 → 6:40 pmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 mins

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

ADAM SNODGRY, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

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

NONE

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

BRIGHT SUNLIGHTOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x BINOCULARSDistance, and how measured: 20 YDS, ESTIMATED

If photographed, type of equipment and film: \_\_\_\_\_

Who else photographed the bird? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

FLEW INTO TOP OF A PANDEROSA PINE. THEN FLEW TO THE TOP  
OF A WOODEN POLE, STAYED 6-8 MINUTES, THEN FLEW OFF TO THE NORTH.

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:

I SAW THIS BIRD FLYING TO THE BASE OF THE CANYON. WITH BINOCULARS, I  
OBSERVED DISTINCT WHITE CRESCENTS NEAR THE BASE OF THE PRIMARIES ON THE

*Description (continued):*

UPPER WINGS AS IT LANDED IN THE TOP OF A PONDEROSA PINE. THE TAIL WAS ALSO CLEARLY BARRED WITH EVEN WHITE AND DARK STRIPES. WHEN PERCHED ON THE POLE, IT SHOWED A YELLOW CERE, HORIZONTAL BARRING (MORE DISTINCT ON THE BELLY). THE RED SHOULDERS WERE NOT VERY DISTINCT (HENCE I THOUGHT IT ONE YEAR OLD). THE FLIGHT WAS VERY DISTINCTIVE WITH SEVERAL RAPID WINGBEATS AND THEN A GLIDE. ~~THE HEAD AND BACK WERE MOSTLY DARK (NOT BLACK) AND THE LEGS WERE YELLOW.~~  
Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

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

THE BASE OF GREGORY CANYON IS WHERE THE PLAINS MEET THE FOOTHILLS - IT IS A MIXTURE OF RIPARIAN BUSHES AND PONDEROSA PINES.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

BROAD-WINGED HAWK - SIZE AND FLIGHT PATTERN, PRIMARY CRESCENTS.  
RED-TAILED, SWAINSON'S, FERRUGINOUS HAWKS - SIZE, PLUMAGE, FLIGHT PATTERN.  
ACCIPITERS - PLUMAGE, WING SHAPE, BUTED APPEARANCE WHEN PERCHED.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Seen twice before in Colorado, several times in the east & California.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE

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

Date and time report was written: 3rd JUNE, 1998, 6pm

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