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### King Rail

On Sept. 15, 1984 from about 8:30-9:30 a.m. along with Ross Silcock we observed three king rails at the s.e. corner of Folsom Lake (Mills Co.).

An adult was seen feeding in an open marshy area about 25 yards away. It was a very large rail with cinnamon colored neck and breast. It had dark vertical barring on flanks; undertail coverts had fine black and white barring with white outer tail feathers. The back was brown with dark streaks. The bill was long, (about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  head lengths) stout and a dark color.

There were also 2 juvenile king rails which appeared to be slightly smaller in size, but still much larger than a va. rail. They were dull, dark brown on back and wings, dirty white to light brown on neck and breast. The undertails had heavy black & white barring with no visible white outer tail feathers as in the adult. They also had long bills.

The birds were viewed through a 25x Bushnell spotting scope. Binoculars used were Nikon 9x25 & Bushnell Custom Compact 6x25.