

Documentation

Krider's (?) Red-tailed Hawk March 13, 25, 27, Apr. 10, 1982
Willow Slough Public Hunting Area, Mills County, Iowa

Red-tail size + shape. Underparts + head tan, continuous. ~~Very thin~~ band of ^{very thin} streaks on belly. Streak or shadow between eye + bill. Back medium brown. Wing coverts tan except on front of wing, where its darker. Secondaries, perhaps with some inner primaries, pale. Scapulars pale. Thighs + legs light. Tail uniform light cinnamon, rump perhaps a bit paler.
↙ moving head often

Behavior: Usually sat in a tree + watched, rarely going down as if to catch something. Occasionally flew from one small tree to the next. Once seen quarreling with 2 other Red-tails over something, ~~for~~ perhaps a dead animal, that was hidden in weeds on ground.

Similar species - clearly a Buteo, probably a Red-tail. Streaks on belly + cinnamon on tail point to Red-tail.

Height, etc.: Seen in the afternoon, FNE of me. It was on the north dike usually, at the E. part of the Slough. Height Various. 40x lens. Very far - over 200 yards most of the time I think.

Description from notes taken Mar. 13, 25, + 27.

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