

Ferruginous Hawk
27 Oct 1977
s. of Shenandoah, Page Co., IA
*Ruth Phipps
IBL 47:144, Wilson 1988

Record Number: 93-HS
Classification: NA

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 47:144 [date given as 16 Oct]
Wilson 1988

VOTE: 5 NA

NA, This was a bird with light head, breast, and tarsal feathers and white tail. If the leggings were white, indicating an immature, the tail should have a dark tip. Halmi apparently had the date wrong./thk

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Halmi, N. S. 1977. Field reports. Iowa Bird Life 47:142-148 (p 144)

markable was an imm. Ferruginous Hawk documented for the vicinity of Shenandoah (October 16, RP). There were several sightings of Rough-legged Hawks, first seen on September 12 (DB), with "more than ever" in the Hamburg area (IG).

Wilson, B. L. 1988. Records of Ferruginous Hawk in Iowa. Iowa Bird Life 58:95-100. (cont)

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Ferruginous Hawk Records for Iowa Through 1987

Date	County	Reference	Comment
25 Jun 1901	Black Hawk	DuMont 1933	specimen lost?
before 1907	Linn	Anderson 1907	detail, Clark-
4 Nov 1914	Wapello	Spiker 1924	dead bird, no detail
17 Sep 1917	Woodbury	Stephens 1918	mounted, no detail
2 Apr 1919	Keokuk	DuMont 1933	2, no detail
7 Dec 1919	Story	Stoner 1920	specimen, no detail
3 Oct 1921	Woodbury	Stephens 1930	mounted dark female
23 Nov 1921	Plymouth	Stephens 1930	mounted female
28 Mar 1923	Keokuk	DuMont 1933	2, no detail
17 Mar 1926	Buchanan	Pierce 1930	no detail
6 Jun 1929	Polk	DuMont 1929	2, detail, Clark-
13 Apr 1930	Buchanan	Pierce 1930	no detail
29 Mar 1934	Dallas-Perry	DuMont 1934	2, detail, Clark-
29 Mar 1934	Dallas-Long Pond	DuMont 1934	2, no detail
9 Apr 1934	Dickinson	DuMont 1934	detail, Clark-
11 Apr 1934	Clay	DuMont 1934	no detail
17 Apr 1934	Emmet	DuMont 1934	detail, Clark-
20 Mar 1936	Woodbury	Stiles 1946	no detail
21 Aug 1936	Iowa	Univ. IA specimen 29674	See photos
2 Jan 1939	Johnson	Johnson 1939	3, detail, Clark-
13 May 1946	Dickinson/Emmet	Musgrove et al. 1947	no detail
8 Sep 1946	Polk	Stiles 1946	no detail
1 Oct 1951	Fremont	Brown 1971	no detail
31 Dec 1954	Grundy	IBL 25:10	detail, Clark+
3 Nov 1962	Adair	Petersen 1962	detail, Clark-
1963	Marshall	IBL 34:10	no detail
1963	Cherokee	IBL 34:20	no detail
26 Dec 1966	Bremer	IBL 37:6	no detail
26 Dec 1970	Page	IBL 41:13	detail, Clark-
17 Dec 1972	Story	IBL 43:4	no detail
28 Oct 1973	Page	IBL 43:104	7, detail, Clark+
28 Dec 1974	Bremer	IBL 45:8	no detail
Feb 1977	Lucas	Roosa and Bartlett 1977	no detail
27 Oct 1977	Pocahontas	Gilmer et al. 1985	road kill, banded
27 Oct 1977	Page	doc, IBL 47:144	
Feb 1978	Harrison	IBL 48:70	detail, Clark-
3,7 Feb 1979	Johnson/Iowa	doc (2), IBL 49:24	Clark-
26 Dec 1980	Fremont	doc, IBL 52:42	RC(80-27)-, Clark-
26 Oct 1983	Page	doc, IBL 54:38	RC(83-31)+, Clark+
22 Sep 1984	Marshall	doc, IBL 55:58	RC(84-24)+, Clark+
25 Oct 1984	Pocahontas	doc (2), IBL 55:58	RC(84-23)-, Clark+
23 Dec 1984	Tama	doc, IBL 55:58	RC(84-34)-
28 Mar 1985	Cherokee	doc, IBL 56:44	RC(85-03)-
29 Sep 1985	Story	doc, IBL 86:44	RC(85-16)-, Clark+
1 Feb 1986	Appanoose	doc, IBL 57:78	RC(86-06)-

IBL citations are for Field Reports, Christmas Bird Counts, Bird Banding Summaries, and Records Committee Reports in Iowa Bird Life; doc = documentation on file with Records Committee; no detail = no description of the bird; RC() = Records Committee (record number); Clark = William S. Clark; + = accepted record; - = record not accepted.

Reports since 1970 were all from fall and winter (September through February). Most were from October (5), December (5), and February (4), months when this species is expected. Of course, other hawks, including Krider's Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamacensis krideri*), also migrate through and winter in Iowa during these months and may be confused with Ferruginous Hawk.

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Transcription of Ferruginous Hawk documentation.

The documentation on file is a copy that is readable, but copies of it are not.

Transcribed by T. H. Kent, 28 Aug 1988. Only the handwritten material is transcribed, except where clarification is needed.

Ferruginous Hawk (im) one

Six miles south of Shenandoah, Iowa, Highway No. 59

10-27-77 1:30 PM & 2:30 PM [to] 2:45 PM

The hawk was larger than the red-tailed hawk, sitting upright on a fence post facing west & the highway (where we were). The breast, feathers on the tarsus, & head area were very light. Feet were not visible, nor could I see the color of the back. When the hawk flew, we could see his white unbanded tail. He flew in front of us to the west & out of our line of vision.

Did not hear voice.

He sat motionless on the fence post.

Western great plains.

Open grasslands and plains.

[similar species] Red-tailed Hawk & Rough-legged

Approximately 300'+; 150' when he flew in front of us.

Binocs 7x50

Clear sunny day. Sun in west was shining on the bird & was behind me.

Besides several mature birds this is 3rd im I've seen at close range. 1st in Missouri 11-25-73 with Betty Walters. This fall on Pt. Reyes, Cal with Mass. Audubon Nature tour--Jim Lane leader.

[other observers] Wayne Phipps

[agree] yes

[books] Birds of Pacific Northwest by Gabrielson & Jewett, Birds of Minn by Roberts, Life Histories of No. Am. Birds of Prey by Bent, Handbook of Cal. Birds by Brown, Birds of Calif. by Small. Gabrielson, Roberts, & Bent helped confirm identification of immature bird.

[first write this description] 8 days.

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Nov 4, 1977

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species FERRUGINOUS HAWK (IM.) 2. Number: ONE

3. Location SIX MILES SOUTH OF SHENANDOAH, IOWA - HIGHWAY No. 59

4. Date: 10-27-77 5. Time Bird seen: 1:30 PM to 2:45 PM

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field): The hawk was larger than the red-tailed hawk, sitting upright on a fence post facing west + the highway (where we were). The breast feathers on torus, + head area were very light. Feet were not visible, nor could I see the color of the beak. When the hawk flew, we could see his white, unbande tail. He flew in front of us to the west + out of our line of vision. ^{OK}

7. Description of voice, if heard: Did not hear voice

8. Description of behavior: He sat motionless on a fence post

9. Habitat - general: western great plains
specific: open grasslands and plains

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain: Red-tailed Hawk + Rough-legged

1. Distance (how measured)? Approximately 300' + 150' when he flew in front of us. 12. Optical equipment: Binos 7x50

3. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): Clear, sunny day. Sun in west was shining on the bird + was behind me.

4. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: Besides several mature birds this is 3rd im. I've seen at close range. 1st in Missouri 11-25-73 with Betty Walters. This fall on Pt. Reyes, Cal. with Mass. Audubon Nature Tour. Jim Lane leader.

5. Other observers: Wayne Phipps

6. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

7. Other observers who independently identified this bird: _____

8. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: Birds of Pacific Northwest by Gabrielson + Jewett, Birds of Minn. by Roberts, Life Histories of No. Am. Birds of Prey by Bent, Handbook of Cal. Birds by Brown, Birds of Calif. by Small. Gabrielson, Roberts + Bent helped confirm identification of immature bird.

9. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 8 days.

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