

Ferruginous Hawk
28 Oct 1973
Shenandoah, Page Co., IA
Jean Braley fide Ruth Phipps
IBL 43:104, Wilson 1988

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Classification: A-D

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 43:104
Wilson 1988

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A-D, Bill Clark reviewed this record for Barb Wilson and accepted it ("Ad. III"). This was also one of the three sight records accepted by Wilson. The field marks (light underparts and head, pink shoulder and tail, rusty legs, unbanded tail) seem to be diagnostic. Only one of 7 birds was seen at close range. I doubt seven Ferruginous Hawks in one location, although I have not checked to see if they migrate in flocks. I am most worried about this being a secondhand report. Braley is not listed as a contributor at the end of the field reports. It was not unusual for Ruth Phipps to report for others. I don't know if these old communications were kept by Woody Brown./thk

A-D, Jean Braley is an excellent observer. She spends winters in AZ and is very familiar with this species. /wrs

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Brown, W. H. 1973. Field reports. Iowa Bird Life 43:103-106

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Vultures, Hawks. Turkey Vultures peaked at 160 on 6 October, with the last 8 seen on the 20th (GB). A Goshawk was shot on 7 November while attempting to take a farm duck near Cedar Falls, with another seen on the 10th near Bristow (MK). Seven Sharp-shinned were banded in September and October (PP). Red-tailed have been numerous (RP). None of the usual big Broad-winged flights were seen (RH, PK). A dark phase Swainson's was seen on 10 November (RP). Mrs. Jean Broley reports the sighting of a flock of 7 Ferruginous Hawks on 28 October. These were in a field and one was observed at extremely close range. This one was extremely light in color on the undersides and head, with pinkish touches on the shoulders and tail, and rusty feathers on the legs. The tail was unbanded. The Fitzhugh Diggs also are reported to have had a Ferruginous for a few weeks in their area. (Jean Broley, fide RP). An immature Golden Eagle was seen on 2 November (RP). Bald Eagles reported: first imm. on 28 September, and adult a month later with 5 seen on 10 November (GB). On the same date there were 3 at Mark Twain (PP) and 8 at L & D 9 (DK). Marsh Hawks were scarce (GB), but 3 were seen on 4 November (GH). An Osprey on 8 September was rather early (fide RH). On 22 September, 3 Peregrines were seen harassing a Great Blue Heron. It is possible there were as many as 5 in the Refuge (GB). The largest number of Kestrels seen was 11 on 27 September (GB). They were numerous in October (RP).

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.