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Ferruginous Hawk
Record Number: 93-GT
Classification: NA

17 Mar 1926
Buchanan Co., IA
Fred Pierce
Pierce 1930, DuMont 1933

REFERENCES

Pierce, F. J. 1930. Birds of Buchanan County Iowa. Wilson Bull. 42:253-285.

DuMont 1933 Wilson 1988 VOTE: 5 NA

NA, Also seen on March 19, but no description given./thk

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Ferruginous Rough-Legged Hawk. Archibuteo jerrugineus. Rare visitant. I saw one bird of this species on the Pierce farm on March 17 and 19, 1926. I saw another in an open field near Hazelton, April 13, 1930.

Buteo regalis (Gray). Ferruginous Rough-leg

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County. Pierce (1930) observed a single bird on his farm in Buchanan # County, March 17 and 19, 1926. Another was seen near Hazelton, 13 in the same county, April 13, 1930.

A female, taken at Cedar Falls, Blackhawk County, June 25, 1901, is in the collection of Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls. Stephens records (1918) that A. J. Anderson of Sioux City mounted one of these birds September 17, 1917 which had been shot at Brown's Lake, Woodbury County. Two other specimens mounted by Anderson were recorded by Stephens (1930). One was a female, taken near Sioux City, October 3, 1921, a very dark specimen; the other, also a female, reported to have been taken near Kingsley, Plymouth County, November 23, 1921.

DuMont 1933 pp 51-52 Wilson, B. L. 1988. Records of Ferruginous Hawk in Iowa. Iowa Bird Life 58:95-100. (cont)

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	lowa	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
		IBL 41:13	detail, Clark-
26 Dec 1970	Page	IBL 43:4	no detail
17 Dec 1972	Story	IBL 43:104	7. detail, Clark+
28 Oct 1973	Page	IBL 45:8	no detail
28 Dec 1974	Bremer	Roosa and Bartlett 1977	no detail
Feb 1977	Lucas	Gilmer et al. 1985	road kill, banded
27 Oct 1977	Pocahontas		Toad Kill, Dalloed
27 Oct 1977	Page	doc, IBL 47:144	detail, Clark-
Feb 1978	Harrison	IBL 48:70	Clark-
3,7 Feb 1979	Johnson/Iowa	doc (2), IBL 49:24	RC(80-27)-, Clark-
26 Dec 1980	Fremont	doc, IBL 52:42	
26 Oct 1983	Page	doc, IBL 54:38	RC(83-31)+, Clark+ RC(84-24)+, Clark-
22 Sep 1984	Marshall	doc, IBL 55:58	
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.