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NA, This record appears on Bailey's map of Ferruginous Hawk records. It is unclear where Bailey got this record. In spite of DuMont (1933) attributing Bailey's records to Anderson (1907), I do not see any reference to Mills County in Anderson's account./thk

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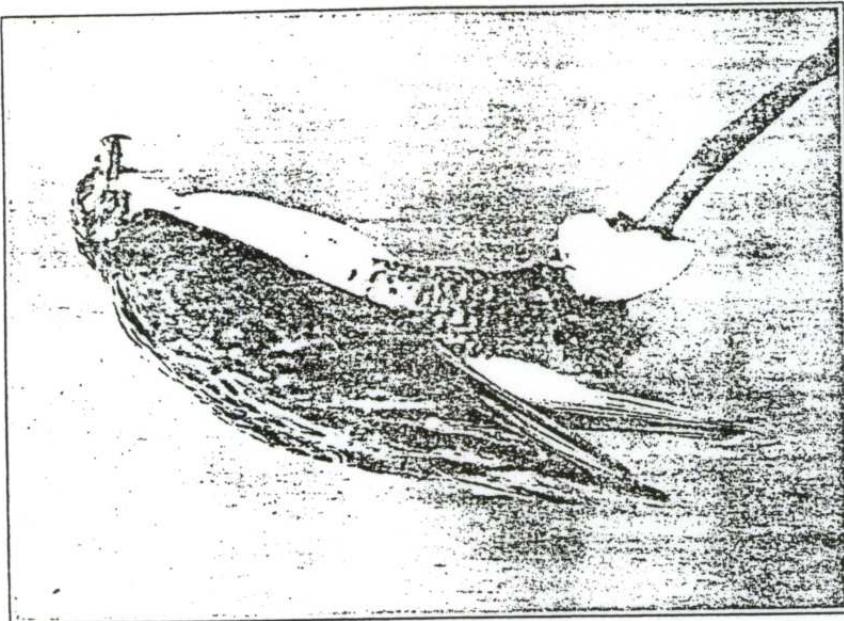


FIG. 55.—Ferruginous Rough-legged Hawk.

Subgenus Brewsteria Maynard.

15. *ARCHIBUTEO FERRUGINEUS* (Lichtenstein). 348.

Ferruginous Rough-leg. California Squirrel Hawk.

*Field Characters.*—A large reddish backed, white breasted hawk. Sluggish as compared with other hawks, and found hunting early and late in open fields.

*Description.*—Above, rufous, especially on the wings, the centers of the feathers dusky or brownish black; tail ashy white, the feathers edged with tawny. Below, white, with a few reddish streaks on the sides of upper breast and body. Legs sharply contrasting with other parts below, being reddish with numerous black bars, and feathered to the toes.

| No. | SEX    | LOCALITY      | DATE         | BIRDS | MAMMALS            | MISCELLANEOUS | NOTES |
|-----|--------|---------------|--------------|-------|--------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1   | Male   | Iowa          |              |       |                    |               | Empty |
| 2   | Female | Osage         | Dec. 27, '14 |       |                    |               | Empty |
| 3   | Male   | Britt         | Dec. 24, '14 |       |                    |               | Empty |
| 4   | Male   | Iowa          | Nov. 23, '14 |       | Small mammal       |               |       |
| 5   | Male   | Jackson       | Nov. 6, '05  |       | Small rodent       |               |       |
| 6   | Male   | Gladbrook     | Nov. 10, '05 |       | 2 shrews—3 rodents |               |       |
| 7   | Male   | Boone         | Sept. 1, '06 |       | 2 large frogs      |               | Empty |
| 8   | Male   | Iowa          |              |       |                    |               |       |
| 9   | Male   | Cass          | Jan. 4, '06  |       |                    |               | Empty |
| 10  | Male   | Strate Center | Nov. 10, '05 |       |                    |               |       |
| 11  | Male   | Iowa          | May 1, '07   |       |                    |               |       |
| 12  | Male   | Gladbrook     | May 13, '05  |       |                    |               |       |
| 13  | Male   | Reinbeck      | Nov. 25, '04 |       |                    |               |       |

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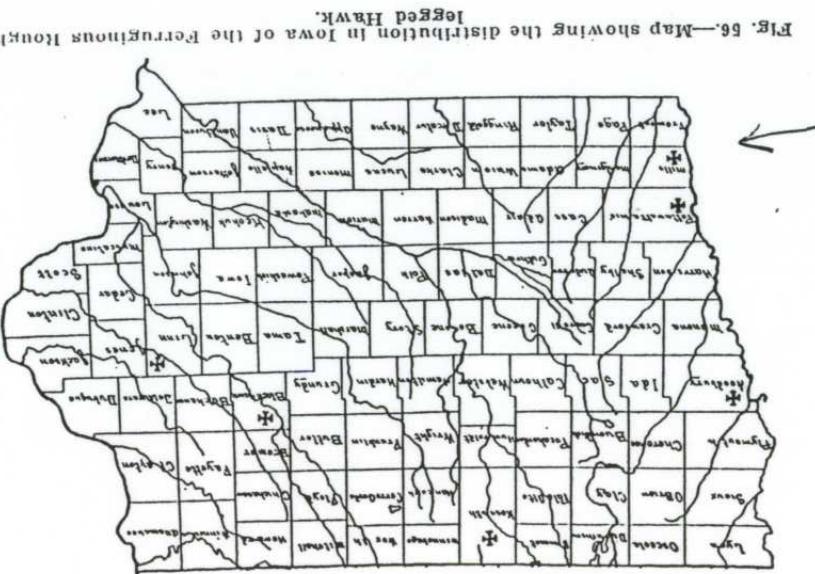


FIG. 66.—Map showing the distribution in Iowa of the Ferruginous Hawk.

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Several authors have referred to it as nesting near Grinnell, but  
 this record is denied by Mr. Lynds Jones, to whom Captain Bendire  
 erroneously attributed the record. (Anderson, Birds of Iowa, p. 252,  
 1907.)

This large hawk is conspicuously a bird of the open prairies of the  
 west and comes only occasionally into Iowa, though it is sometimes  
 taken east of the Mississippi. Dr. Elliott Coues is said to have re-  
 ported it as the "handsomest of the North American Falcoinidae."  
 The only specimen which I have ever seen that has been taken in  
 Iowa is in the collection of the State Teachers' College at Cedar  
 Falls.

Wings.—Western United States, wandering casually to Iowa, Wis-  
 consin and Illinois.  
 Tail, 10 to 11 inches.  
 Measures.—Length, 22 to 24 inches; wing, 16 to 18 inches;