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Ferruginous Hawk

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REFERENCES

Christmas Bird Count: IBL 37:6, 9

Wilson 1988

VOTE: 5 NA

NA, No description./thk

19. MARSHALLTOWN (Marshall County). Dec. 31; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Temp. 25-35; wind 5 to 10 m.p.h. Overcast. Observers (14) in 4 parties: Mrs. Bruce Cribbs, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Eige, Orval Grimes, Mrs. L. R. Grimes, Mrs. John King, Miss Ruth Knights, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. James Maish, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rinehart, Miss Ruth Zorn.

20. MCGREGOR (McGregor, Pikes Peak State Park, Prairie du Chien, Lock and Dam 9; Farmland 50%; Upland Forest 20%, Bottomland Forest 15%, River 10%, Urban 5%). Dec. 24; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Temp. 15-27; wind 0-8 m.p.h. from NW. Mostly clear, ground covered by $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ " snow, river 90% ice covered. Observer: Peter C. Petersen, Jr.

21. MERCER COUNTY, ILL. (Western Mercer Co., center point 4 miles due East of New Boston, Ill., all points included in a 15-mile diameter from center point, including Mississippi next to Lake Odessa area in Iowa), Jan. 1; 6:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Temp. 25-30; wind 5-15 m.p.h. from W. Cloudy-clear, 5 in. snow cover. Observers (11) in 4 parties: Bruce Bergstrom, Wendell Bergstrom, Allen Carlson, Elton Fawks, Theodore Greer, Richard Greer, Peter Petersen, Jr., Danny Marsh, Phillips Vaughan, Norman Ward, Jr., John C. White.

22. MUSCATINE (7½ mile radius of Lock and Dam 16, same as in previous years). Dec. 31; 6:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Temp. 32-38; wind 0-8 m.p.h. from SW. O.C., ground covered by 5" drifted snow, river 75% ice covered. Observers (8) in 3 parties: Allan Carlson, Elton Fawks, Mike and W. M. Lonacker, Mary Lou Petersen, Peter Petersen, Jr. (compiler), Phillip Vaughan, Norman Ward.

23. OGDEN (Roadsides, creek bottoms, and woods within 9 miles radius of my home; 7 miles by foot; 30 miles by car). Dec. 29; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Temp. 10-30; wind 9 m.p.h. from East. Ground covered by snow, deep in spots; creeks frozen over; moderate weather. Observer: Jim Keenan.

24. OSKALOOSA (15-mile circle centered at Mahaska Co. Courthouse, including Lake Keomah State Park and South Skunk River bottom). Dec. 26; 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Temp. 5-24; wind 0-5 m.p.h. from NW. Clear, no snow on ground, no open water, all bayous dry due to lack of rain or snow. Observers (2) in 1 party: Keith Layton, Irene Layton.

25. SHENANDOAH (15-miles diameter circle, centered at Farragut, including Riverton and Shenandoah areas). Dec. 28; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Temp. 17-15; wind 10-35 m.p.h. from NW. Eight inches new snow, rivers, streams frozen; blizzard condition part of day. Observers (7) in 3 parties; Mrs. Robert I. Bordner, Mrs. F. M. Braley (compiler), Don Burchrichter, Mrs. Wallace DeLong, Mrs. Don Walters, Mrs. E. C. Vaughn and Mrs. Emmett Zollars.

Lincoln's Sparrows feeding in road with Tree Sparrows, Juncos and Harris' Sparrows on spot blown clear of snow. (R.B., F.B.)

26. SIOUX CITY (cemeteries, nursery, city parks, 3 lakes, roadsides and fields north, east and south of town). Dec. 26; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Temp. 7-25; wind calm, clear weather, ground bare, Missouri River open. Observers (17) in 10 parties: Mrs. Helen Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. William Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh, Robert Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Roosa and Dr. Morgan Webb.

Brewer's blackbird observed at close range with binoculars and 20x scope

in excellent light for a period of 15-20 minutes by Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hanna. Some of the females in the mixed flock of blackbirds had dark eyes. They were perched in some willow trees at the north end of Brower's Lake preening and resting.

27. UNION SLOUGH (All points within a 15-mile diameter circle, center 2,077 acre waterfowl refuge 5½ miles west of Titonka, Iowa; marsh and water 50%; upland grasslands, and mixed elm, cottonwood, willow, oak thickets 40%, croplands 10%). Dec. 21; 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Temp. 26-36; wind 5 to 8 m.p.h. from NW. Ground free of snow. Refuge pools 100% ice covered. Observers (3) in 1 party: William Boyken, Al Buchanan and Paul Ferguson.

28. WAPSIPINICON RIVER VALLEY (Sec. 2, Mayfield Twp., Bremer Co. Iowa, to include all points within a 15 mile diameter circle, center, Big Woods west of Denver, Sweet Marsh Refuge, Seven Bridges Park, Plum Creek, river valley, farm lands 50%, woodlands 50%). Dec. 26; 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Temp. 6-22; wind 0-5 m.p.h. from NW. Sunshine—wispy cirrus clouds; no snow, ground frozen. Observers (8) in 1 party: Myrtle M. Burk, Antoinette Camarata, Harriett Fairbanks, Ruth Halliday, Russell Hays, Charles Moon, John and Nick Osness.

29. WINTHROP (Roadsides north and south of Winthrop and a drive through Backbone State Park, also 2 areas on Wapsipinicon River, Buchanan and Delaware Counties). Dec. 26; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Temp. 8 at start, 20 at return; no wind. Clear all day. Ground bare. Observers (5) in 1 party: Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pierce, Sandra Pierce.

The Swainson's Hawk was studied with 8x glass in flight in good light and quite near; the chestnut collar on the white breast was very distinct. This species is often seen in eastern Iowa during the summer, but very seldom in the winter.

30. YELLOW RIVER FOREST, (Center NE corner Sec. 8, T96N, R3W). Jan. 1; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Temp. 23-27; wind 12-15 m.p.h. from W. Cloudy, 5 in. snow cover, most waters frozen. Observers (10) in 2 parties: Mrs. Florence Albright, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Daubendiek, Darwin Koenig, Mrs. Merlin Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmer Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schultz, Dennis Wigal.

Golden Eagle — (immature) we noted the dark wing linings, white patch at base of primaries and white tail with dark terminal band.

Canvasback — male, we noted the rusty red head and neck, sloping forehead, dark bill, black chest and tail, and white body.

ADDITIONAL BIRD NOTES WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE CENSUSES

Akron.—Rough-legged Hawk, Gray Partridge and Sparrow Hawk were seen during the census period.

Ames.—Rough-legged Hawk, Bobwhite and Purple Finch were also present in the period.

Burlington.—Other species in the period were, Carolina Wren, meadowlark (sp.), and Pine Siskin.

Cedar Falls.—The Snowy Owl had been in the vicinity for two weeks, and Mockingbird, Robin, and Cedar Waxwing were also present.

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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.