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1982-15 ufo

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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
 Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
 Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name White-tailed hawk
 Scientific Name Buteo albicandatus
 Sighting date 11/21/82 time 1:30 pm duration 3 to 4 min
 Distance from bird first sighted at 250 ft. later at 25 to 15 ft
 Light conditions clear day excellent
 Optical equip. Bushnell 7 x 35
 Photo. equip. _____
 Number of this species seen 2
 Notes made at time of sighting Date this report was prepared. Friday-Dec 3
 Notes made later from memory
 Photo available Photo enclosed

Weather at time of this observation.
 Clear
 Prior weather & number of days since change
 Clear and fairly warm as storm front was moving in from Hawaii. Snowstorm 2 days later.
 Locality 25 miles north of Cedar City on Minersville Road in juniper-sagebrush habitat in valley below low hills. Area populated with jack rabbits.

Male Adult Age unk. Basic Plumage Light Phase
 Female Subadult ♀ or Imm Breeding Dark Phase
 Sex Unk. Juv/Imm _____ year bird Eclipse Molting

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.
 Adult: pure white breast and tail white, short, with narrow black band. ^{on tip} Immature was dusky brown with blotches of white on breast with grayish short tail with a number of narrow bands.
 Adult was size of Red-tailed with dark back color of Peregrine. Immature was same size as adult.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Ferruginous: has long tail--no black band on tail. Immature was almost exactly same size as adult with short tail and although short tail banded with markings. Also ferruginous is not as dark on head and back as adult whitetail. Wings seemed longer on whitetail perhaps because of contrast of short tail.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction. Both flying low and companionably together--not aggressively as different species often do

Habitat, this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Juniper-sagebrush habitat in valley between low range of hills. Jackrabbits and ground squirrels in this area along with horned larks (at this time). They were flying steadily westward.

Describe birds song or sounds.

none heard

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Have observed hawks, falcons, etc. over past 20 years. Have seen all hawks common to Utah. This is my first observation of the white-tail.

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