

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

CBC name ST. GEORGE, UT. CBC date 12-28-84 compiler MERRILL WEBBObserver writing this account and date MERRILL WEBB 12-30-84SPECIES RED-SHOULDERED HAWK NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 SUBADULTDistance from bird(s) 20-50 yds. Relative size of bird HAWK-SIZED, BUT SMALLER THAN RED-TAILED

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)

MOTTLED BROWNISH & WHITE STREAKING - VERY FINE LINES; NECK WAS A BIT MORE REDDISH-BROWN & DARK STREAKS

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.)

DARKISH EYES; LIGHTER WHITISH LINE OR LIGHTER THAN HEAD OVER EYE.UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES DARK WITH VERY YELLOW CERELEGS & FEET YELLOW

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)

ALL WERE A RICH BROWN WITH SOME MOTTLING PRESENT

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)

KIND OF CREAM-COLORED & BROWNISH BLOTCHES UNDERNEATH

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)

THE TAIL WAS DARK-TIPPED WITH 7 ALTERNATING WHITE & DARK BANDS - THE WHITE BEING THE MORE NARROW. BASE OF TAIL WAS COVERED BY WINGS SO THERE MAY HAVE BEEN ANOTHER BAND NOT VISIBLE TO US.

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.)

THERE WAS DEFINITE WHITE NARROW BANDS IN THE WINGS, THOUGH NOT AS PROMINENT AS FIELDGUIDES SHOW FOR ADULTS. THE WINGS WERE MORE BROWNISH. THE SHOULDERS DIDN'T SHOW MUCH RED WHEN PERCHED, BUT WHEN FLYING THERE WAS DEFINITE RUST-COLORING.VOCALIZATION NONE HEARDBEHAVIOR IT WAS HUNTING FROM A LOW PERCH - FENCE POSTS, TOP OF MACHINERY IN A FARM YARD, ETC. WHEN IT FLEW IT FLEW CLOSE TO GROUND & THEN WOULD SWEEP UP TO PERCH SHRIKE-LIKE. FLIGHT WAS DIRECT, LOW & WING-BEAT QUITE RAPID FOR A BIRD.Date of observation 12-28-84 Time 12:30 P.M. Weather OVERCAST Sky cover OVERCAST WITH HIGH 40'S PERIODS OF SUNLIGHTDuration of observation 10-15 MIN. Bird - Sun orientation ALL ANGLESExact location 1 MILE S.E. OF ST. GEORGE, UT. & ABOUT 1/2 MILE NO. OF VIRGIN RIVERHabitat AGRICULTURAL FIELDS WEEDY FARM YARD, FENCE ROW. Other observers STEVEN RUSSELL MARK BROMLEY STEVE HEDGES, KEN HIXON ROY GIVEN. optical equipment SPOTTING SCOPES & BINOCES - ALL KINDSADDITIONAL COMMENTS STEVE RUSSELL & I SPOTTED THE HAWK ABOUT 12:25 P.M. & WATCHED IT FOR 5-7 MINUTES TO MAKE SURE OF ALL FIELD MARKS. THIRTY MINUTES LATER THE OTHERS ALSO WERE OBSERVING IT & ALL WERE SURE IT WAS A RED-SHOULDERED HAWK.

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