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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Species: Red-shouldered Hawk Date: 11-13-87

Number: 1 Age: Adult Sex: ?

Locality (exact address or other specific information to describe location, such as x miles north of x intersection):
Between mileposts 160 + 161 on Interstate 15 (N of Meadow/Kanosh exit)

County: Millard City: Elevation:

Time: 12:00 noon Length of time observed: 30 seconds

Habitat: Fence post by open field (farm)

Distance to bird: 50 yards Light conditions: Partly cloudy

Optical equipment: none

Observer: Brian Maurer

Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Ron Quilter, Russ Findley, Tara Williams, Mark Peterson

DESCRIPTION. Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern color, and any unique features.

Size and shape of adult red-tailed hawk. Chest rufous w/ barring. Rufous shoulder patch was prominent. White barring on tail was also evident. Bird was perched so wing patches were not seen.

Millard Co.

Voice and/or call notes: None

Behavior: Sitting on fence post

Describe what specific feature(s) you saw and/or heard that caused you to come to your conclusions:

Rusty shoulder patch

Barred tailed

Barring on breast

What similar species might it have been, and how were these eliminated?

Red-tailed Hawk was eliminated because it doesn't have barring on tail.

What experience have you had with this and similar species?

Birdwatching for over 20 years

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: National Geographic Field Guide; Audubon Master Guide, Volume 1

Term: "rusty" replaced "red" in description in field notes.

Significance of record in the area and/or the state:

Most records questionable, but have occurred in the central region of the state according to Clayton White. Probably California bird

Additional material (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available):

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