

Louisiana Ornithological Society's

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Report Form

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Rough-legged Hawk
Buteo lagopus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 immature
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Cameron
(parish)
Approx. 3 miles SW of the Cameron Ferry
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 3-26-92
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:20 p.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Roger J. Breckshere
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Alexandria, La. 71301
(318) 487-9911
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
I wish ---!
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): The bird was in full light - no shade
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swift 804 Audubons 8.5X, etc.
Meads Pathfinder, 3.5X, etc.
11. Distance to bird(s): 110 yds
12. Duration of observation: 15 min.
13. Habitat: Sitting on a snag, 35 ft. high, the perch
was located in the midst of a few scrub oaks
trees.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Roosting (perch - hunting). The bird was facing me, slightly quartering to my right (the west). After a time, it spun and flew to another perch some 20 ft. away, with its back to me.
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): *Medium-sized bird. Brown in color. Tail was white for basal 2/3, black at end. Head was tan, throat white. Heavy streaking (appears as blotz in places) on belly above and below legs. Basal half of outer primaries white. White undertail coverts. Legs were a singular gray color and were feathered to the talons. Beak two-toned, very yellow at base, black toward tip. Talons very yellow. I did not see the under wing carpal patch as the bird whirled rather suddenly when it changed perches.*
16. Voice: *—*
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): *Har Guan is darker + lacks white on throat, under tail coverts + wing windows. Red-tailed had only a belly-band, lacks extensive leg feathering, wing windows — also lacks black + white tail.*
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
No
19. Previous experience with this species:
I have seen 2 (farther north, of course) in past winters.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
 a. at time of observation: *Peterson's, N. G. + Audubon's Master Guide*
 b. after observation:
21. This description is written from: notes made during the observation
 (notes attached?); X notes made after the observation (date: Aug.;
memory. (taped notes))
22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: *Yes*
23. Signature of reporter: *[Signature]* 8-26-92 1:50 p.m.
 (date) (time)

