

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1
3. Parish:
Lafourche
4. Specific Locality:
Hwy 3185 just north of Natalie Park Drive
5. Date(s) when observed: 2.6.2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 1.45pm
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
From the LA RBA Group Me....James Beck, Nick Ramsey, Jack Rogers
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Cloudy and lightly overcast but good lighting.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 100 yards
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
14. Habitat: Busy highway surrounded with businesses and neighborhoods
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was perched on the crossbeam of a utility post. It sat there looking around and sometimes preening.
16. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: 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):
Large light hawk. Rusty feathery legs. Light breast and brownish back.

17. Voice: Did not hear

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Seems similar to Red-tailed Hawk. No belly band and it had rust feathers on legs.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Photos by me, Kathy Rhodes

20. Previous experience with this species: None, Lifer. I chased this bird 2 or 3 years ago in Cameron Parish and never found it.

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
Other birders on the LA RBA Group Me app.

22. Identification aids used when?
At time of sighting

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:
Yes

24. Date report completed:
2.6.2025

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?
Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?
Yes







