

CBC NAME: ZION NATL. PK. COMPILER: ROY GIVEN CBC DATE DEC. 27, 1982

OBSERVER WRITING THIS ACCOUNT & DATE: MERRILL WEBB, DEC. 27, 1982

Date of observation: DEC. 27, 1982 Time: 1:15-1:55 P.M. Weather: 45° F Sky Cover: CLEAR

Duration of observation: 35-40 MINUTES Bird/Sun Orientation: SUN BEHIND US HAWK

Exact Location: ALONG VIRGIN RIVER Habitat: RIPARIAN - COTTONWOOD
ROCKVILLE, UTAH

Observers & Optical Equipment: MERRILL WEBB 7x50 BINOCLES & SPOTTING SCOPE
MARK BRANLEY 10x40 15x20 PORE

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SPECIES: RED-SHOULDERED HAWK NUMBER, AGE, SEX: 1 SUB-ADULT

Distance from bird(s): 50 YDS. - 75 YDS. Relative size of bird: BUTEO-SIZED SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN RED-TAIL

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line etc.):
HEAD - DEEP RUSSET BROWN - NO MEDIAN LINE OR MALAR LINE OR MARKINGS

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

EYE - YELLOWISH - FAINT LIGHT EYE LINE OVER EYE

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES: DARK - YELLOW CERE LEGS & FEET: YELLOWISH

UPPER PARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts etc.):

NAPE - BROWNISH

BACK - BROWN FLECKED WITH WHITE

RUMP - BROWNISH

UNDER PARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum etc.):

THROAT - BROWNISH

UNDERBELLY - LIGHT & STREAKED WITH BROWN

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

TAIL - Blackish Grey with 4-possibly 5-light narrow bands

IN FLIGHT TAIL WAS BROAD & BANDS SHOWED UP VERY DISTINCTLY

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

AT REST - WINGS FLECKED WITH WHITE WITH TWO FAINT WING LINES NEAR END OF WING

FLIGHT - DISTINCT WHITE & BLACK MARKINGS LENGTH OF WING WITH DARK

shoulder markings.

VOCALIZATION: WAA

BEHAVIOR: IN TREE PERMITTED US TO GET FAIRLY CLOSE. IN FLIGHT IT WOULD FLY

LOW TO GROUND WITH STRONG RAPID WING BEATS & THEN SWOOP UP TO EXPOSED PERCH.

MANEUVERED VERY WELL IN RIPARIAN VEGETATION.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Branley has seen this species twice previously

in California.

ENOUGH TIME WAS SPENT IN OBSERVING THIS SPECIES WHILE PERCHED & IN

FLIGHT & AT VARYING DISTANCES TO VERIFY IT AS THIS SPECIES.