

UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Zone-tailed Hawk
 SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Buteo Albonotatus*
 DATE: Aug. 30, 1999 TIME: 1-3 pm LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Approx 2 hours
 NUMBER: 2 AGE: immature SEX:
 LOCATION: Approx 1 mile N.W. pine park campground western Wasatch
 county
 LATILONG: ELEVATION:
 DISTANCE TO BIRD: Ranged from 10 meters to 200 meters
 WEATHER: had rained heavily in the morning - at time of sighting it had
 cleared but some clouds and very windy
 LIGHT CONDITIONS: Bright.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD: The bird (Birds) since I saw 2 Apparent
 zone-tailed hawks were soaring over & around a ridge approx 1 mile
 N.W. of the pine park campground. The bird acted like a Turkey
 Vulture in the way it soared with its wings in a dihedral tilting
 back & forth. In fact Turkey Vultures were present. ~~Are Turkey~~
 The zone-tailed hawks were dark blackish with two-toned wings
 darker in front, light behind. The tail had numerous dark bands. The
 cere & the legs & toes (?) were yellow. The zone-tailed hawks were
 calling constantly as they flew around & over my head. The western
 Gro. field guide describes this call as a squealing whistle and I
 guess the pretty well describes it.
 Overall the bird seemed long winged & slender.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:

Already described

BEHAVIOR:

Already described

HABITAT:

Pinon pine

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:


- 1. common Black hawk has broader wings, less banded tail. Different flight pattern, no z-tailed wings.
- 2. Turkey vulture - red head, no barring on tail, dark legs
- 3. Newell's red-tail Hawk: no z-tailed wings, different flight pattern, tail dusky-white not banded, bulkier bird

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING _____, NOTES MADE LATER X
FROM MEMORY X

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OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

I believe quite a few other individuals observed the bird at other times but I was alone when I made my observations

DATE PREPARED: 3/20/00 - already sent in

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO X, DRAWING _____, TAPE _____, OTHER _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO: UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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