

MILITIA HILL HAWK WATCH

RARE RAPTOR REPORT

This report is used to document special migrants or migrants out of their recognized "normal" migration period. Please fill out this form (as completely as possible) if you have observed any of the following migrants during the indicated time periods.

- All Kites
- All Gyrfalcons
- All Swainson's Hawks
- Broad-winged Hawks - AFTER October 22
- Peregrine Falcons - AFTER November 15
- Northern Goshawks - BEFORE October 1
- Rough-legged Hawks - BEFORE October 15
- Golden Eagles - BEFORE October 1
- Any other unlisted, aberrant or peculiarly plumaged raptor observed at anytime.

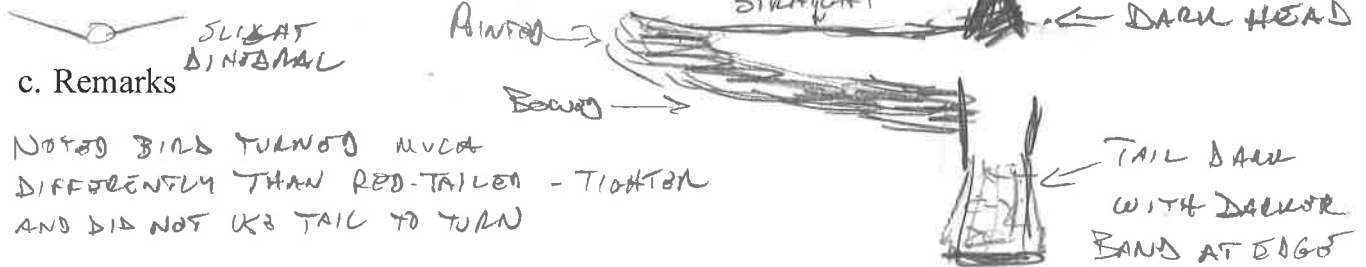
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- ◆ Species: SWAINSON'S HAWK Adult Immature
- Date Observed: 10 / 23 / 15
- Time of Day: 03:46 am pm
- Weather Conditions (sky, sun, wind, etc): SUNNY, NO CLOUD COVER, CLEAR (VISIBILITY UNLIMITED), LIGHT WIND FROM THE NORTH
- Duration of Observation:
- Flight Direction: From the WEST to the EAST.
- Estimated Closest Distance: 400 YARDS
- Equipment Used For Observation (make and power of binoculars, scope):
LEICA 12x50 ULTRAVIOLET BINOCULARS
SWAROVSKI 65MM SPOTTING SCOPE - UP TO 32x MAG
- Were Field Notes Taken At Time Of Observation? Yes No
- Were Any Photographs Taken? Yes (attach if possible) No

(OVER)

- Description Of Raptor (prior to consultation of field guide)

a. General Impression - size, shape, flight characteristics (glide, soar, wing beat, etc.), compare to known raptors. BIRD APPEARED AS A LARGE BUILT, SOARING LOW OVER VALLEY TO EAST OF HAWKWATCH. FLIGHT WAS MORE BOUYANT THAN OTHER BOTTLENECK BUSTERS (RED-TAILED, RED SHOULDERED), WINGS HELD AT A DIHEDRAL, BUT WAS CLEARLY A BUILT AND NOT A HARRIER. TURNS WERE DIFFERENT THAN A RED-TAILED.

b. Specific Description - Indicate observed field marks, vocalizations, etc. Sketch, if helpful. DARK HEAD, NO BELL BAND ON LOWER WHITE BELL, LONG WINGS, WHITE ON WINGS WITH DARK PLUMAGE SECONDARIES. STRAIGHT FRONT EDGE OF WINGS - NO DARK PLUMAGE. SLIGHT BOWED TRAILING EDGE



c. Remarks

NOTED BIRD TURNED MUCH DIFFERENTLY THAN RED-TAILED - TIGHTER AND DID NOT USE TAIL TO TURN

- Prior experience with this species: CONSIDERABLE IN TEXAS, ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA DURING MIGRATION + MANY OBSERVATIONS OF HUNTING + SOARING INDIVIDUALS

- Field Guides consulted: SIBLEY

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Signed: [Signature]

-Other Observers Present (at least two, if possible)

1. PETER BURNS, COMPILER Phone Number _____
2. _____ Phone Number _____
3. _____ Phone Number _____
4. _____ Phone Number _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!