

RED SHOULDERED HAWK

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Scientific Name: Buteo lineatus
Size: 16-24".
Habitat: Swampy woods, bogs.
Identification: A large hawk with white bars on long wings, reddish shoulders, and banded tail.

Fascinating Facts:

- Red-shouldered hawks are solitary and territorial. They do not form flocks, even in the winter.
- Prior to 1900, this species was one of the most common hawks in eastern North America. Population densities declined substantially through most of the 20th century, probably due to hunting and destruction of wet hardwood forest habitat.
- Although the American Crow often mobs the Red-shouldered Hawk, sometimes the relationship is not so one-sided. They may chase each other and try to steal food from each other. They may also join forces to chase a Great Horned Owl out of the hawk's territory.

