

IDENTIFICATION GUIDE FOR HAWK RIDGE

ACCIPITER



FLAP, FLAP, FLAP, GLIDE.
USUALLY LOW.
SHORT, ROUNDED WINGS,
LONG TAIL.
FAT "T" SHAPE.

AUG. SEPT. OCT. - SHARP-SHINNED



--- MOST COMMON SEPT. HAWK, EXCEPT ON BIG BROADWING DAYS.
IMMATURE BROWN, ADULT, BLuish GRAY BACK, RUSTY BREAST. JAY SIZE.

SEPT. OCT. - COOPER'S



--- UNCOMMON, COLORATION SAME AS SHARP-SHIN, LARGER SIZE AND ROUNDED TAIL OFTEN DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE.

SEPT. OCT. NOV. DEC. - GOSHAWK



--- CROW/RAVEN SIZE, IMMATURE STRAKED BROWN, ADULT SLATE GRAY BACK, LIGHTER BREAST, WHITE EYE LINE. HEAVIER BODIED THAN OTHER ACCIPITERS.

BUTEO



MOST APT TO SOAR AND GLIDE.

BROAD ROUNDED WINGS AND TAIL.

AUG. SEPT. - BROAD-WINGED



--- ABUNDANT IN LARGE "KETTLES", SMALLEST BUTEO, ADULT HAS A DISTINCTIVE BLACK + WHITE TAIL. MAY APPEAR ACCIPITER-LIKE AT EYE LEVEL.

AUG. SEPT. OCT. NOV. DEC. - RED-TAILED



--- LARGE, USUALLY SOLITARY, COMMON, ADULT, RUFOUS TAIL. PLUMAGE HIGHLY VARIABLE.

OCT. NOV. DEC. - ROUGH-LEGGED



--- LARGE, BLACK BAND ON TAIL, DISTINCTIVE BLACK WRIST SPOTS. FLAPPIER THAN OTHER COMMON BUTEOS. NOTE WING POSITION DIFFERENT FROM RED-TAIL.

FALCON



STEADY FLAPPING, FAST PUMPING FLIGHT.
POINTED WINGS, BULLET SHAPED BODY.

AUG. SEPT. OCT. - AMERICAN KESTREL (SPARROW HAWK)



--- VERY COMMON, SMALL, MOUSTACHE, RUFOUS BACK. FLAPS FASTER + FOR LONGER THAN SIMILAR SIZE SHARP-SHIN.

SEPT. OCT. - MERLIN (PIGION HAWK)



--- UNCOMMON. PIGEON SIZE, DARK. FASTER AND HEAVIER THAN KESTREL.

SEPT. OCT. - PEREGRINE



--- CROW SIZE, MOUSTACHES, VERY FAST. ONLY A FEW PER YEAR.

HARRIER



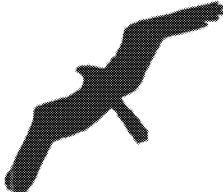
"FLAPPY", LOOSE JOINTED.
LONG, NARROW WINGS + TAIL.

AUG. SEPT. OCT. - MARSH HAWK (NORTHERN HARRIER)



--- USUALLY ALONE, ADULT MALE IS GRAY. FEMALES + IMMATURE BROWN. ALL AGES HAVE WHITE RUMP PATCH. WINGS OFTEN HELD IN A "V" SHAPE. IN MIGRATION, FLAPS MORE + MAY FLY HIGHER THAN WHEN HUNTING.

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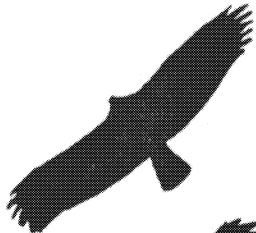
LARGE, GLIDES + SOARS IN A M SHAPE. LITTLE FLAPPING.

AUG. SEPT. - OSPREY



--- USUALLY ALONE, OFTEN CONFUSED WITH HERRING GULL. DISTINCTIVE CROOK IN WINGS. DARK BACK, WHITE HEAD + BREAST VISIBLE AT A GREAT DISTANCE.

TURKEY VULTURE



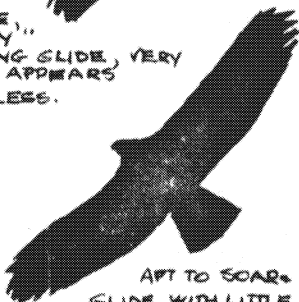
LARGE, "TIPPY",
ROCKING GLIDE, VERY DARK, APPEARS HEADLESS.

SEPT. OCT. - TURKEY VULTURE



--- DISTINCTIVE DIHEDRAL (V SHAPE) IN WHICH WINGS ARE HELD. TWO TONED BLACK + GRAY UNDER WING.

EAGLE



APT TO SOAR + GLIDE WITH LITTLE FLAPPING.
VERY LARGE, USUALLY VERY DARK.

SEPT. OCT. NOV. DEC. - BALD EAGLE



--- BROAD, FLAT WINGS, USUALLY ALONE, IMMATURE DARK WITH WHITE MOTTLING. MORE COMMON THAN GOLDEN EAGLE.

OCT. NOV. - GOLDEN EAGLE



--- BROAD SLIGHTLY RAISED WINGS, ADULT, ALL DARK, IMMATURE HAS WHITE UNDERWING SPOTS + WHITE ON UPPER TAIL. SMALLER HEAD + BRAK THAN BALD EAGLE.