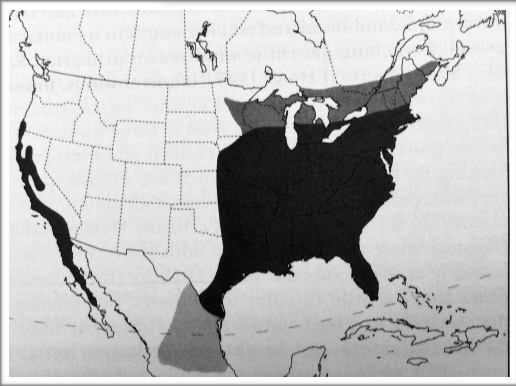


# Red-shouldered Hawk

*Buteo lineatus*



Range: Eastern North America and California  
Size: ♂: 32-40 cm (12.6-15.7 in)  
♀: 38-47 cm (15-18.5 in)  
Wingspan: 91-114 cm  
Weight: ♂: .55kg (1.2 lb)  
♀: .70 kg (1.5 lb)  
Diet: small mammals and reptiles  
Habitat: Woodlands near water  
Eggs: 2-5  
Incubation : 33 days  
Fledging: 45 days  
Sexual maturity: 2yrs  
Breeding: monogamous  
Subspecies: 5  
Longevity: Captivity: 20 yrs  
Wild: 20 years  
IUCN: Least Concern

## Order:Accipitriformes Family:Accipitridae

The Red-shouldered Hawk is a common bird of prey in the eastern part of North America. It is a woodland species preferring to be near water. The red-shouldered hawk is usually a resident staying in its home range throughout the year. In the northern part of the range this hawk will migrate to central Mexico during the winter months. There is a isolated population in California spanning the entire state down to Baja California in Mexico.

There are five subspecies of red-shouldered hawk with a large amount of integration. There is some differences in size but the subspecies are most easily distinguished by ventral coloration. The population of all races of this species are steady thus the IUCN listing of Least Concern. However this bird is protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.