

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW WESTERN SUBSPECIES OF ACCIPITER
VELOX (WILS.) AND SUBSPECIFIC DIAGNOSIS OF A. COOPERI
MEXICANUS (SWAINS.).

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1. *Accipiter velox rufilatus*, subsp. nov.

SUBSP. CHAR.—*Adult male* with markings of lower parts paler and more cinnamomeous, the thighs with cinnamon-rufous usually predominating; *adult female* with markings of lower parts larger and darker than in true *A. velox*; *young* (especially female) more heavily marked beneath than in true *A. velox*.

HAB.—Western North America, east to Rocky Mountains, north to Kodiak, south into Mexico.

This separation is based on the careful comparison of more than eighty specimens of the two forms.

2. *Accipiter cooperi mexicanus* Swains.

Accipiter mexicanus SWAINS. F. B. A. II, 1831, 45, foot-note (Real del Monte, Mexico).

SUBSP. CHAR.—*Adult males* scarcely or at least not constantly different from those of true *A. cooperi*; *adult females* usually with markings of lower parts denser and rather deeper in color, with more of rufous on thighs; *young* (especially females) much more heavily marked beneath, the thighs heavily spotted instead of streaked.

HAB.—Western United States and south into Mexico.

A careful comparison of more than sixty specimens of this species shows clearly that western specimens differ from eastern examples in the above-mentioned characters.

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