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RED-TAILED HAWK

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The red-tailed hawk is a large bird with a distinctive red tail. They have rounded wings and vary in colour between the subspecies, but are typically brown with lighter undersides and a streaked belly.

THREATS

Red-tailed hawks face a number of dangers posed by humans including collisions with cars, buildings, and wind turbines. They are also prone to electrocution on powerlines, lead poisoning, and rodenticides. Rodenticides are heavily used in cities to control rats, which fatally poison many city-dwelling Red-tails.

HISTORY

According to the North American Breeding Bird Survey, red-tailed hawk populations increased throughout much of their range between 1966 and 2015, These birds are probably the most common type of hawk located in North America.

