

## PARTIAL ALBINO RED-TAILED HAWK

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At approximately noon, on February 26, 1967, I caught and banded a very white Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) about three miles west of Harmony, Caroline County, Maryland. Mr. V. Edwin Unger, president of the M.O.S. assisted me in banding the bird.

The hawk was seen perched at the edge of a pine thicket and was very conspicuous due to its predominantly white color. Permission was obtained from the owner of the property to drive into the field where a Bal-Chatri trap, baited with a Starling (Stumus vulgaris), was dropped approximately 100 yards from the perch. After an unsuccessful attempt (from our viewpoint) at the Starling the hawk waited another fifteen minutes before returning to the trap. On its second visit it was caught, photographed, banded, examined and released.

The hawk was an adult male and, as can be seen in the accompanying photograph, was more white than dark brown on the head and back. The tail had one completely white and another partially white feather. All others were the normal red. The breast, eye, leg and cere color were all normal.

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