



# Red-tailed Hawk

FEMALE

*Buteo jamaicensis*

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## “Aggro”

*Dangerous, moody and lethal.*

COMMON

### DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Red-tailed is the largest of the hawk family, one of the fiercest, and make extremely good hunting hawks. Upper-parts are normally dark brown with light under-parts, usually with a dark band on the belly. The Red-tailed is easily recognised in flight due to the distinctive russet red tail, with a black terminal bar. An extremely powerful bird, the slow wing beats can propel this bird to great speeds.

### HABITAT & LOCATION

The Red-tailed is found in North America, from Alaska to Panama. Traditionally migratory birds, but tend to gravitate to areas with abundant prey. Found in areas of grassland, marsh or shrub areas. Easily adaptable to desert or forest environments.

### NATURAL DIET

Small rodents, rabbits, snakes, lizards and pheasants.

### WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

**Weight** : *Adult Female* - 2 lb 8 oz, (1,250 g), - 4 lb, (1,800 g).

**Wingspan** : Can reach 56", (142 cm).