

## Hawk at Ambergris Caye

### Body shape

observed more or less buteo-shaped, but a bit lanky  
eliminates forest-falcons, kites, hawk-eagles, eagles, falcons

### Tail bands

observed 5 white bands, 5 dark bands plus broad distal bar  
adult buteos 3 or less bands too few  
STHA adult 4-5 dark bars, poorly contrasting with gray-brown not bold enough contrast  
GRHA juvenile 6-9 dark brown bars poorly contrasting with gray-brown not bold enough contrast  
ROHA juvenile 3-4 pale bands, boldly and evenly spaced too few  
WTHA juvenile 10-15 indistinct dusky bars too many  
WTHA 1st basic 6-8 narrow black bars with fairly broad subterminal band too narrow  
ZTHA juvenile 5-7 dark bars poorly contrasting with gray-brown not bold enough contrast  
GBHA juvenile 10-13 pale bars too many  
GBHA 2nd basic boldly banded black-and-white with 2-4 wavy pale bands too few  
BWAH juvenile 4-7 poorly contrasting bands with distal band noticeably broader not bold enough contrast  
CBHA juvenile 4-7 white or dusky bands with distal dark bar widest  
GBHA 1st basic pale gray to whitish with 5-7 coarse dark bars; distal bar broadest

### Bill

observed bicolor: dark gray with pale bluish base; yellow cere  
CBHA juvenile bicolor: black with wide pale bluish basal region; yellowish cere  
GBHA 1st basic black with grayish cere not bicolor, no yellow cere until adult

### Wing length

observed wings significantly shorter than tail, covering ~3/4 of tail  
CBHA juvenile wings nearly reach tail tip seems contradictory  
GBHA 1st basic wings fall short of tail tip

### Wings: primary-tertiary

observed primaries project noticeably beyond tertials  
CBHA juvenile primaries project noticeably beyond tertials  
GBHA 1st basic primaries project only slightly beyond tertials not enough difference

### Wings: secondaries

observed show some rufous on inner side, barred dark brown  
CBHA juvenile inner secondaries dusky cinnamon to greyish buff, barred dark brown  
GBHA 1st basic inner secondaries cinnamon to dusky rufous, barred dark brown

### Legs

observed fairly long to long legs; very long tarsi; feathers moderately barred  
CBHA juvenile fairly long legs; very long tarsi; feathers streaked  
GBHA 1st basic long legs; feathers distinctly banded  
BWAH juvenile leg length not distinctive; feathers moderately streaked or barred not long enough

### Head

observed mostly dark, with white supercilium, pale lores, white auriculars  
CBHA juvenile dark brown with crown & nape streaked cream to pale buff; yellowish lores  
GBHA 1st basic cream to pale buff, finer dark brown streaks; white or tawny supercilium not dark enough

### Malar stripe

observed probably, but not a good view (more obvious on 3rd photo)  
CBHA juvenile dark malar stripe  
GBHA 1st basic lacks dark malar stripe should have malar stripe

### Underparts (3rd photo)

observed white with bold wide vertical stripes, especially high in chest  
CBHA juvenile throat & underparts whitish to rich buff, streaked dark brown  
GBHA 1st basic similar, except light sides

### Flanks

observed mostly dark  
CBHA juvenile blackish brown  
GBHA 1st basic mostly pale not dark enough

### Iris

observed dark brown  
CBHA juvenile medium brown  
GBHA 1st basic similar