



**Red-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo jamaicensis*). COLORATION: Brown and white, with rusty tail (plumage highly variable, partly depending upon geographical race). Along with the next four species, the Red-tailed Hawk belongs to the large group called Buteos (or buzzards in England, not to be confused with the vultures, or "buzzards," of the New World). With their practice of circling high in the sky on

motionless wings, Buteos are among the hawks most commonly recognized as hawks by most people. The fairly sizable (19-22 inches long) Red-tailed Hawk is common throughout most of North and Central America, including the Caribbean. It will take almost any animal food on occasion but favors rodents, particularly mice.