

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus*

Habitat Preference: Requires at least 250 acres of medium-to-mature, even-aged floodplain forests dominated by maple or cottonwood trees that have not been logged in 45 to 55 years.



Threats:

- Loss of Habitat
 - A single pair requires a minimum 250 acre tract of mature bottomland forest. Fragmenting forest tracts into smaller areas by developing roads and other types of urban development can eliminate nesting Red-shouldered hawks.
 - Conversion of bottomland timber to agricultural land has been a large problem.
 - Harvesting timber creates edge which is more conducive to Red-tailed hawks. Red-tailed hawks are a larger, more aggressive bird and will out compete Red-shouldered hawks.
- Susceptible to disturbance or too much human activity nearby during nesting.

Practice Guidelines:

- Limit disturbance of known nesting sites
 - Provide ¼ mile protective buffer zone around nests.
- Leave trees surrounding known nest sites
 - Provide large uniform mature stands of trees by not cutting trees near nest sites, even during season when hawks are not around.
- Create and/or protect large tracts of riparian forest areas
 - Create more habitat by adding on to existing timber stands (where appropriate) through tree planting or protection of young forest stands.
 - Protect large areas of mature riparian forest (preferably 250 acres or larger).