

harlani

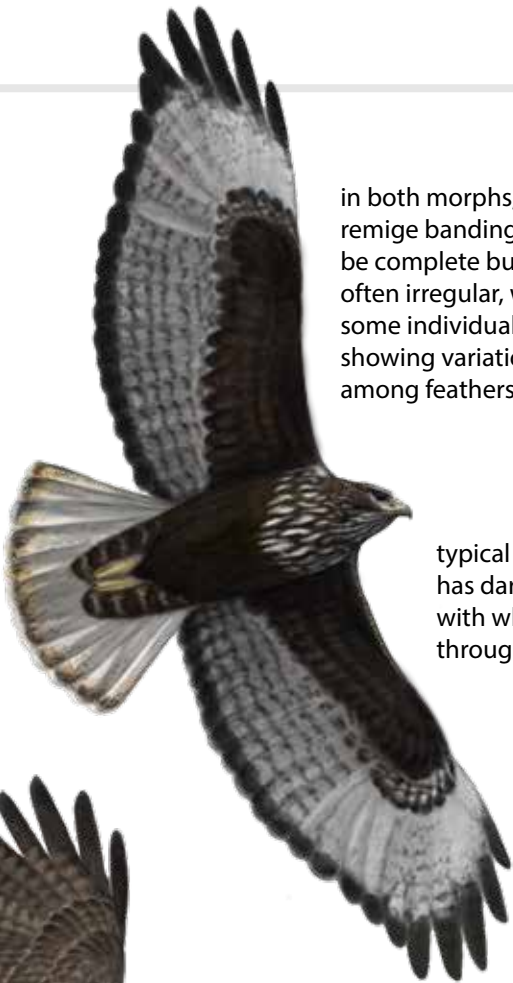
ADULT dark

body plumage is generally a deep coal black with chocolate highlights



tail variable, can be quite dark, approaching entirely black on some individuals

silver tail with some rufous near tip is common



in both morphs, remige banding can be complete but often irregular, with some individuals showing variation among feathers

typical dark morph has dark wing linings with white streaking throughout breast



because of the difference in head coloration, morph color can be determined from the topside. Uppertail coverts can also be quite useful

light

contrasting white and dark streaking throughout head



tail variable, can be almost entirely white with rusty or orange tip accompanied by black subterminal band



in both morphs, remige pattern can be absent or spotted like retrices

globular bellyband markings against snow white body



most individuals lack barring throughout body and wing lining

tail variation

extensive red in the tail may represent variation within harlani or influence from neighboring subspecies



individuals often show strikingly different patterns among and within feathers



dark morphs can have extremely dark tails, almost blackish in appearance



some individuals of all tail types have a very thick subterminal band



when present, barring is most often thickest near the base of the tail



complete tail banding may represent variation within harlani, or influence from neighboring subspecies

JUVENILE dark

upperside often high contrast with pale highlights, even in dark morph



tail barring thick, often irregular and more arced.

pale window on inside of tail feather tip causes diagnostic spike look



deep dark chocolate with contrasting white spotting throughout body and wing lining



relatively thick and often more 'wavy' barring throughout flight feathers

light

extensive white with messy dark streaking throughout head and nape

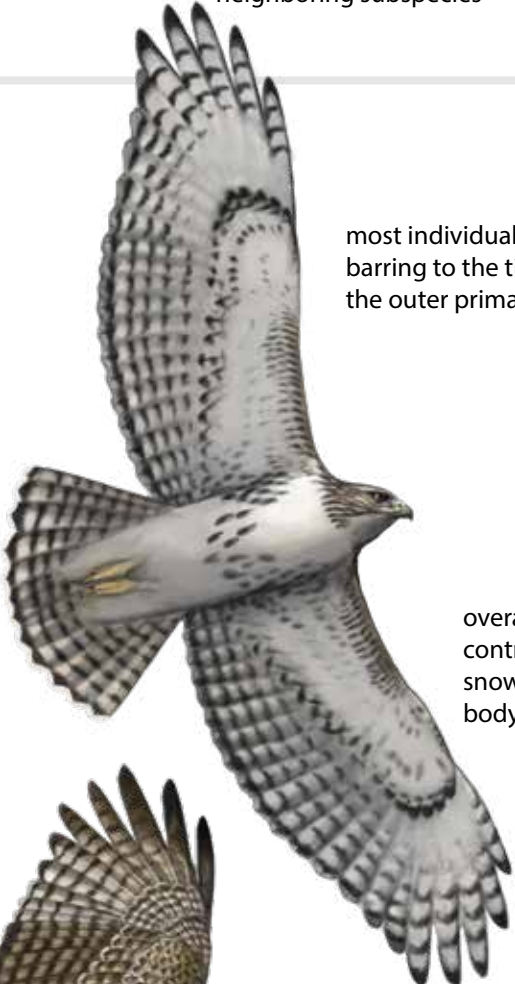


light morph high contrast, with bold and thick markings in tail

light morph markings appear messier (compare light morph kriderii)



most individuals show barring to the tips in the outer primaries



overall high contrast with snow white body plumage