

as a resident towards the Southern United States, and is apparently only a winter migrant in Central America. The series in our collection shows that *B. latissimus* passes through the whole of our region, and extends to the West-Indian Islands, as well as to South America, as far as the valley of the Amazons. This Buzzard feeds on small rodents, reptiles, and insects of various sorts, seldom attacking birds of any kind; it is somewhat quiet and sluggish in its habits, except in the breeding-season or when its nest is in danger.

The nest is roughly made of sticks, with a lining of bark and a few green twigs, sometimes built very near the ground. The eggs are generally two or three in number, though occasionally four, and even five, are found. The colour is dull greyish white, with an occasional green tinge, and faint markings of grey or reddish brown ¹⁰.

11. *Buteo brachyurus*.

Buteo brachyurus, Vieill. Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. iv. p. 477 ¹; Salv. P. Z. S. 1870, p. 215 ²; Ridgway, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. viii. p. 578 ³; Cherrie, Auk, 1892, p. 328 ⁴; Bendire, Life Hist. N. Amer. Birds, i. p. 246, t. 8. f. 7 ⁵; Richmond, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. xvi. p. 522 ⁶; Fisher, Bull. U. S. Dept. Agric. no. 3, p. 83 ⁷; A. O. U. Check-l. N. Amer. Birds, 2nd ed. p. 133 ⁸.

Asturina brachyura, ScL. & Salv. Ibis, 1859, p. 218 ⁹.

Buteola brachyura, ScL. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1869, p. 130 ¹⁰; Sharpe, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. i. p. 201 ¹¹; Gurney, Ibis, 1876, p. 479 ¹²; ScL. & Salv. P. Z. S. 1879, p. 540 ¹³; Sumichrast, La Nat. v. p. 236 ¹⁴; Tacz. Orn. Pérou, i. p. 118 ¹⁵; Salv. Ibis, 1890, pp. 84, 89 ¹⁶.

Buteo fuliginosus, ScL. P. Z. S. 1858, p. 356 ¹⁷; id. Tr. Z. S. iv. p. 267, t. 62 ¹⁸; Cass. in Baird & Lawr. Birds N. Amer. t. 15. f. 1 ¹⁹; ScL. & Salv. Ibis, 1860, p. 401 ²⁰; Gurney, Ibis, 1876, p. 479 ²¹; Scott, Auk, 1889, p. 243 ²²; Ridgw. Man. N. Amer. Birds, 2nd ed. p. 236 ²³.

Asturina albifrons, ScL. P. Z. S. 1859, p. 368 (nec Wied) ²⁴.

Buteo minutus, Pelz. Orn. Bras. pp. 2, 396 ²⁵; Lawr. Bull. U. S. Nat. Mus. no. 4, p. 42 ²⁶.

Buteo obsoletus, pt., Sharpe, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. i. p. 184 ²⁷.

Supra saturate brunneus, fere unicolor, plumis pallidiore brunneo obscure marginatis; nucha albo notata; supracaudalibus albido terminatis, grisescenti-brunneo, extus albo, fasciatis; alis brunneis, remigibus nigricantibus, anguste albo terminaliter limbatis, et intus obscure fasciatis; rectricibus cinerascenti-brunneis, anguste albo terminatis, fasciis 6 nigricantibus notatis, fascia terminali latiore; loris et basi frontis conspicue albis; facie laterali et regione parotica nigricantibus, unicoloribus; genis imis et gutture albis: corpore subtus pure albo, gutture imo et præpectore saturate brunneis, rufo vix variegatis, plumis præpectoralibus paucis rhachidem angustam nigram exhibentibus; subalaribus, axillaribus et remigibus intus pure albis, horum pogonio interno griseo marmorato vel fasciato. Long. tota 16.5, alæ 12.8, caudæ 6.4, culm. 1.2, tarsi 2.5. (Descr. exempl. ex Guatemala. Mus. Brit.)

Juv. Supra nigricanti-brunneus, vix rufo lineatim variegatus; supracaudalibus lateralibus rufo fasciatis; rectricibus cinerascenti-brunneis, fasciis 8 nigricantibus notatis; loris et fronte basali albis; supercilio fulvescente; fascia laterali fulvescente, nigro lineata; genis nigris, fasciam latam formantibus: corpore subtus ochrascenti-fulvo, tibiis lætioribus vix cinnamomeis; colli et præpectoris lateribus nigro late striolatis; hypochondriis et abdomine medio vix anguste nigro lineatis; subalaribus et axillaribus læte ochraceis; remigibus intus fusco fasciatim in pogonio interno notatis. (Descr. exempl. ex Irazu. Mus. nostr.)

Forma melan. Fuliginoso-niger, nuchæ plumis ad basin albis; remigibus saturate brunneis, ad apicem nigris et intus nigro fasciatis; rectricibus cinerascenti-brunneis, fasciis 6 nigris notatis; facie laterali et corpore