

**RED-SHOULDERED HAWK (*BUTEO LINEATUS*)
VISITS BIRD FEEDER**

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Figure 1. Red-shouldered Hawk feeding on suet at bird feeder.(Photo by Harriett Findlay)

For the last three years a pair of Red-shouldered Hawks (*Buteo lineatus*) has nested in some vacant woods beyond our property. Occasionally, one of the hawks could be observed perched in a tree about 50 feet from bird feeders near our house that attracts birds, chipmunks and squirrels. A swinging feeder is 15 feet from the breakfast room windows and a sweet gum stump, about 18 inches high and 31 inches in diameter, is ten feet beyond the swinging feeder and serves as an additional bird feeder.

Following the 15 inch snow of 12 March 1993 there were no rodents stirring to feed hungry Red-shouldered Hawks. Large chunks of suet were placed on the sweet gum stump and on three occasions a Red-shouldered Hawk was seen to swoop down, peck at, then carry away in it's talons the suet which was placed on the feeder (Figure 1). **Harriett Wright Findlay**, 2749 Millbrook Road, Birmingham, AL 35243.

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After the poor migration noted in Spring 1992, we had better luck in 1993. Observers at coastal locations had the opportunity to view excellent numbers of passerines, and the migration inland also was good. The number of rarities was not high this year, though a few exciting species appeared.

Spring and summer were generally dry; at Birmingham every month from March