

LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD *Buteo rufinus*

Rjasta kanja – odrasel osebek svetle barvne variante krožil 8.8.2005 nad vzhodnim delom Fatniškega polja v vzhodni Hercegovini, prib. 15 km SZ od Bileće (UTM BN85). Zaradi poznega datuma gre kvečjemu za pognezditveno opazovanje.

A Long-legged Buzzard was observed on 8 Aug 2005, while soaring over the eastern part of Fatniško polje, some 15 km NW of Bileća (UTM BN85, E Herzegovina). The light conditions were excellent and the distance not too great, thus several distinctive characters could be observed, particularly the uniformly light-brown coloured tail and whitish underwings with prominent dark carpal spots and black hind edge. The bird was clearly one of the pale colour morph. The surrounding landscape, situated at an altitude of approximately 600 to 900 m a.s.l., is a mixture of stony pastures, scrubs and small woodlands interrupted by large steppe-like karst polje and limestone cliffs. The beginning of August is too late for the observation to be possibly related to breeding, it nevertheless adds to the scarce summer records for the central Dinaric area.

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