

Soaring With Hawks



Red-tailed hawks have darker backs and lighter chests with a dark "belly band."

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A shadow passes over the landscape, and you look up to see a shape soaring high in the sky — it is a hawk, majestic in flight. For a moment, you wonder at its ability to maintain flight so gracefully.

This sight is a rather familiar one in Ramona, with hawks being a common presence. And there are two species in particular that are seen most frequently: red-tailed hawks and red-shouldered hawks.

According to the National Audubon Society, red-tailed hawks are the most widespread and familiar hawk in North America. With a wingspan stretching from three to upwards of four feet, these highly skilled hunters are equipped with hooked beaks, superb eyesight, and strong legs and feet with sharp talons.

Though its close relative, the red-shouldered hawk, is smaller, both raptors are a sight to behold.

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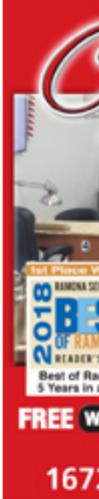
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