Documented record by Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus melanoleucus*, Vieillot,1816), in Bertioga, São Paulo, Brazil.

The Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus or Spizastur melanoleucus*), is a bird of Accipitridae family (Vigor,1824) (CBRO, 2012), with distribution to eastern and southern Mexico, South America east of the Central Andes to eastern Peru, Paraguay, Missiones and Brazil (Brown & Amador,1989; Sick, 1997).

Despite its large distribution this species is rare to be observed (IUCN, 2012). Due to our ornithological studies and observations in the Jaguareguava River Valley, in Bertioga, county, São Paulo, Brazil (23°50′12.16″S 46°09′33.97″O) for a make check-list of avifauna of the region (Santos, 2012), in August 17, 2012, we observed a specimen of this beautiful eagle.

Initially, we saw that a white bird crossed the road and perched in a high tree on a hill near the road in Jaguareguava Valley.

Looking better with the aid of binoculars, we saw that it was a *Spizaetus melanoleucus*, unmistakable by its belly and head white color and dark wrapped eye. The bird was perched about 10 minutes, watching around, suggesting that was in full activity hunting.

The event was recorded by the author in videos and photos with a Canon SX30IS digital camera photography with 35 optical zoon.

Below following three photos, that together of the video are deposited in the internet (ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM: THE LAST NOAH’S ARK, 2012).

In view of its rare to watching and it seems that *Spizaetus melanoleucus* had not been documented by photos and videos yet in the Jaguareguava region, Bertioga county, the author decided to collaborate with the historical records whit divulgations of the simple note.
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