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According the literature consulted *Chondrohierax uncinatus* or Hook-billed Kite, or Caracoleiro named in Brazil, it is a bird of Accipitridae family (CBRO,2014), that has extremely large range with distribution to South of North America, Central America and South America. In Brazil occurs until Paraná, Mato Grosso, Goiás and Minas Gerais (SICK,1997). But despite its wide distribution is difficult to find because it lives in forest areas.

On December, 04, 2014, about 2pm, , we had the opportunity (in company of Carlos Roberto Ghirelli and Ricardo Pires de Campos, bidwatchers) to observe a couple perched on a high tree in a natural area of coastal lowland near the forested mountains of Agenor Campos, Mongaguá municipality, São Paulo State, Brazil (24°03'35.87"S/46°42'06.27"W). We recorded by photos (bellow and on internet in PROGRAMA AMBIENTAL: A ÚLTIMA ARCA DE NOÉ, 2014).

The coastal lowland of "resting" in the municipality of Mongaguá, Sao Paulo state, Brazil, is one of the natural places most interesting of São Paulo state, and one of the least studied in terms of birds, and being considered an important area for the conservation of birds- IBA (BENCKER et alls, 2006). We found in the region a rich avifauna rare and / or endangered species such as the Red-tailed Parrot (*Amazona brasiliensis*), the Blackheaded Berryeater (*Carponis melanocephala*), the Cinnamon-vented Piha (*Lipaugus lanioides*) and Bare-throated Bellbird (*Procnes nudicollis*). The presence of these species shows the ornithological importance of the region. Where still has many natural areas, especially near the base and on the "Montanhas (hills) da Serra do Mar", in the encounter with "resting". This site we call by "Sertão" (place with difficult access and without people).

Perhaps this is one of the first records by photo of this species for this region.

Due to increasing degradation of natural environments and the rarity of records of this species, I believe that this documented record in this simple note, can add some more data on this bird, and help your population study.

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