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## Records of Grey-bellied Hawk (*Accipiter poliogaster*) in the municipality of Peruíbe, São Paulo, Brazil.

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**Abstract:** The authors presents records of *Accipiter poliogaster*, or Grey-bellied Hawk in Peruíbe, São Paulo, Brazil. That is the first image of this raptor in this region, and the first in São Paulo State.

The Tauató-painted (*Accipiter poliogaster*) is the largest representative of the genus (Sick,1996), in a sort of local occurrence, little known. In São Paulo, preferably inhabits the forests. In the interior, now almost extinct (Willis).

The species lacked a documented record on the coast of São Paulo, and the only information about its occurrence was the view from Peter Develey in February 1995 in Juréia-Itatins (EEJI) in the municipality of Peruíbe, Southern of São Paulo. On this occasion, an adult and an immature was flying over the beach of Guarauzinho.

On August 13 of 2010, the ornithologist Bruno Lima and the guide Marcio Ribeiro recorded an adult female, also in the municipality of Peruíbe.

At the time, the species was sitting on top of an isolated tree about 20 feet of a tall tree that probably was an emerging tree before the surrounding forest be deleted. It was 17:00 pm when the species in question was sighted, staying perched for 10 minutes, was possible to make a photographic record (Fig. 01). From where it was, she took off and flew over an open area (Figure 02) until land on a guanandi tree(*Calophyllum brasiliensis*) of approximately 15 meters. Within seconds the species left in the direction of a small isolated hill on the plain.

The registry location is known as the Area Rural of Peruíbe (Figure 03), and is distant about 12 miles from the place where Pedro Develey had observed the species 15 years ago.

Although not so far from the beach of Guarauzinho the rural Peruíbe is distinct both in terms of structure: the beach of Guarauzinho is characterized by having a restinga vegetation, and the predominant vegetation is a dense rainforest covering the hills slope of the crystalline basement, with an approximate altitude of 180 meters. Already the Area Rural of Peruíbe is characterized by an extensive sandy plain, covered by the lowland forest. It has only a few scattered hills on the plain, whose height rarely exceeds 80 meters.

The areas also differ in terms of threat, because while Guarauzinho beach is relatively protected within the limits of Ecologic Reserve of Juréia-Itatins, the lowland forests of Zona Rural of Peruíbe, is not protected by the State Park of Serra do Mar, and has being destroyed by the growth of the unorganized municipality and the implementation of subdivisions and residential resort



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Apparently, at least in the city of Peruíbe, Grey-bellied Hawk inhabits secondary formations of lowland atlantic forest and small hills covered by forest.

There is no information available about the nesting of Grey-bellied Hawk, although the fact that an imature has been observed in beach of Guarauzinho can lead to assume that the species reproduces in the region.

Relevant information about their breeding behavior in the region is that an imature has been recorded by Márcio Ribeiro (Figure 04) on October 30 of 2010, less than a mile from the first record. At that time, the individual was sitting in a tree about 10 feet tal ate the edge forest, at 05:40 hours.

Due to the proximity of these two registration points, it is reasonable to assume that the species reproduces in Zona Rural of Peruíbe, requiring lowland forests and small hills. Because it is a kind of unknown habits, such as reproduction and feeding behavior, and considered Near Threatened in the State of São Paulo, it is necessary to dispense more time of observation in the Zona Rural of Peruíbe and as the creation of natural reserves in the remaining areas of lowland forest in the region.

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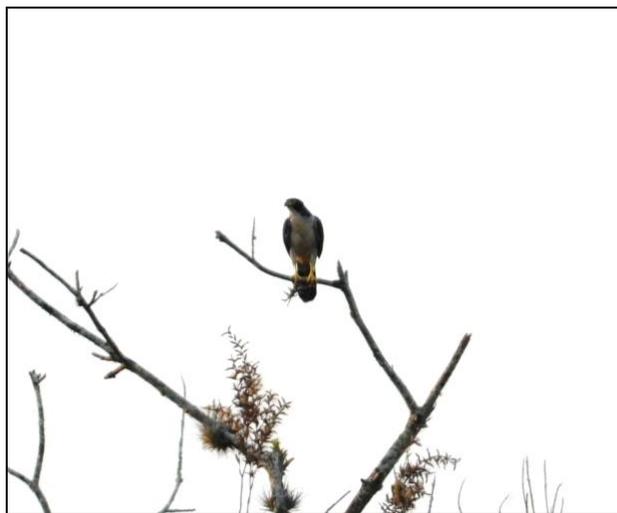


Figura 01: Female of Grey-bellied Hawk. Photo: Bruno Lima



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Figura 02: Same individual, flying over the lowland forest. Photo: Bruno Lima.



Figura 03: The vast and unexplored lowland Forest of the Zona Rural of Peruíbe city. Photo: Bruno Lima.



Figura 04: Immature of Grey-bellied Hawk. Photo: Marcio Ribeiro.