

SIMPLY HAWKS!™ *by Dan Pemble, Kissimmee, Florida – January 4, 2024*

Not being totally familiar with the various species of hawks, I always assumed that the hawks that are commonly seen in our Kissimmee, Florida community are the red-tailed variety.

Today during a morning walk around our Kissimmee residential sub-division, my wife spotted a hawk happily perched in a tree while apparently planning his daily activities! With her iPhone 15 Pro Max in hand, she was able to capture the following excellent photos:



The true magic of the iPhone 15 Pro Max technology came alive in the hands of my wife! Not only did she capture these crystal-clear photos, but the phone listed the camera specifications for the photo, showed a map of the location where the photo was taken, and provided the name of the subject: a RED-SHOULDERED HAWK!

I have since learned that there is a wide population of RED-TAILED HAWKS throughout North America, but the RED-SHOULDERED HAWK is more widespread in the US eastern states. It's possible to see both species here in Kissimmee. The following photos from a web site show the distinct differences between these 2 hawk species.



Red-Tailed Hawk



Red-Shouldered Hawk