



This is one of the largest soaring Hawks, which you can recognize by its broad, rounded wings, fan-shaped tail, and chunky body. The red tail, for which the bird is named, is seen only when the Hawk suddenly turns in flight.

The Red-tailed Hawk lives and breeds in most states, except in the North, where the Red-tail lives only in spring and summer. This bird prefers dry woodlands. It feeds on rabbits, snakes, lizards, and small birds. Sometimes these Hawks become a nuisance, because they also eat poultry.

The Red-tailed Hawk's nest is built in a tall tree. It is made of branches and twigs, and lined with grasses, weeds, and dead leaves. The eggs—two to four—are white, spotted with brown and purple.