

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

Fulvous Whistling-Duck found dead in Bronx County: On 16 Nov 1990, a Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) was found dead in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx County, New York City. This represents the second documented occurrence of this species in the county, the first being in 1971 at nearby Van Cortlandt Park (Bull, J. Supplement to Birds of the New York City Area. *Linn. Soc. N. Y., Proc.* 71:1-54; 1971). A Fulvous Whistling-Duck had been reported from Pelham Bay approximately one week earlier by several observers, who saw it feeding with American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*) and Mallard (*A. platyrhynchos*) in both fresh and salt water habitats. The intact carcass of the Fulvous Whistling-Duck was found by Hugh Martin and the author at the margin of a freshwater pond when an immature female Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) flew up from the body of the freshly dead bird. Although we did not see the hawk actually make the kill, the condition of the Fulvous Whistling-Duck when examined closely (full crop, no broken bones, and plumage in excellent condition) strongly suggests that predation by this hawk was the cause of death. The specimen was subsequently presented to the American Museum of Natural History and is now part of its permanent collection.

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