

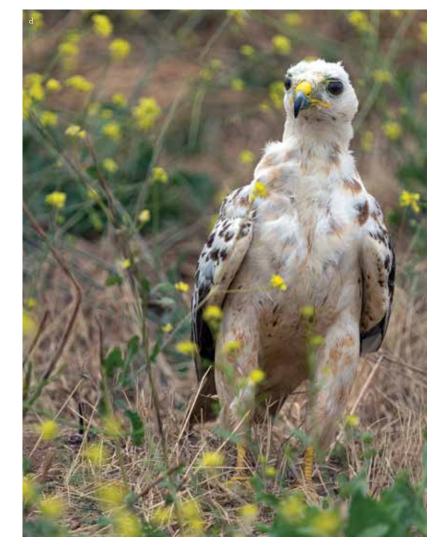
Charles King first saw a leucistic (pronounced loo-siss-tick) Redtailed Hawk in fall 2023. While Red-tailed Hawks are common, leucistic ones are not; only one in 30,000 birds across all species is thought to have leucism, a genetic condition that inhibits melanin and results in white plumage.

Since then, King has kept an eye (and his camera) on this unusual hawk. He's noted its eating habits ("On one occasion, I saw it consume a field mouse, a garter snake and squirrel in less than an hour") and its mating habits, as the bird has paired with a non-leucistic Red-tailed Hawk and produced two juveniles. King shares some of these photos in the following pages, and you can also see his work at charleskingcreations.com or on Instagram at @charleskingcreations.











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