

COOPER'S HAWK

Accipiter cooperii

Bonaparte, 1828



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Aves

Order: Accipitriformes

Family: Accipitridae

No recognized subspecies



APPENDIX II

VERY RARE



LEAST CONCERN

Identification: Adults can reach 47 cm in length for a weight up to 700 g (breeding females). Long grey tail with black transversal bands, black cap, white face, bright red eyes, grey wings. Rest of plumage reddish-brown with white spots.

Range: The species occurs from south Canada to most of the USA and south to Mexico. Northern populations winter in Central America.

Habitat : Forests and woodlands with dense canopy covers, suburban areas.

Behavior: Usually found alone or in pairs. Nest is located near the top of a big tree. Feeds mostly on small mammals and birds.

Status in the wild: The species is locally very common but has suffered local declines because of use of pesticides and hunting. Most populations are recovering.

In captivity: This species is very rare in captivity around the world and probably absent from north-American zoos at the moment. Most specimens kept in captivity are probably rescued specimens from the wild.