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Dear Dra. Delciellos

We would to like to submit our manuscript entitled "How far can *Buteo platypterus* (Aves, Accipitridae) go during migration? New records of the species in the south of Brazil", to be consider for publication as a Short Communication in the journal Oecologia Australis.

In the present manuscript we presented two new records of the Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*, Vieillot, 1823) in the south of Brazil. The species is a migratory bird of prey that breeds in North America and migrate to Central and South America during boreal winter. Our observations are currently the southernmost records of the species during migration, extending species' winter distribution in approximately 270km (2.5 degrees of latitude). Moreover, one of our observations represent the first occurrence of the species for Santa Catarina state, while the other is only the second observation for Rio Grande do Sul state, in southern Brazil. We also discussed some particularities of such records and the possibility of the species to be expanding winter distribution.

Through this letter we also would like to inform that all authors have seen and approved the manuscript. Moreover, the manuscript has not been published elsewhere and it is being submitted exclusively to Oecolgia Australis.

As requested in the authors guidelines of the journal, we suggest the following five referees:

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We are looking forward to hearing from you, and please contact us if you need further information

Best wishes

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