

DETAILS CARD: Fill out completely in the field; use back if necessary. CBC: Tensas River N.W.R. LA Date: 30 Dec. '87
Species: Golden Eagle Number/Age/Sex: 1 Im.
Count Area/Parish: South end, Tensas Parish
Habitat: Large open field with low trees (arranged for waterfowl)
Observer/s: Robert B. Hamilton, Nathan Agre
Distance From Bird: vis. 50 m Optics Used: 7x25 Triovid
Identification: (Include all field marks observed used to identify this species. Describe voice, if heard, and any behavioral characteristic used in identification).

Much larger than nearby Red-tailed Hawk. Almost completely dark (almost black except base of tail white and white marks at base of inner primaries ^{under wings}). Originally perched on ground but flew with alternate flapping and gliding. Wings held at slight dihedral (see p. 255 Audubon guide vol. 1 for approx. amount). Flapping not as deep or slow as Turkey vulture. Head & bill noticeably small. Tail wedge shaped. Slight brownish tinge to plumage. Wings weren't noticeably broad.

