

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the LBRC Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or this format when submitting records for review (to assure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to: LBRC Secretary, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and scientific name: GOLDEN EAGLE (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 IMM
3. Locality: LOUISIANA CAMERON
state parish
EAST JETTY (SITE OF JETTIES RESTAURANT)
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: OCTOBER 5, 1991
5. Times of day when seen: 1:20-1:40 P.M. (CDT)
6. Reporting observer and address: J. P. KLEIMAN
15913 MALVERN HILL
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
C. FEERICK
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: NONE (NO ONE WAS AROUND)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): CLOUDY DAY, SUN AT OUR BACK, GOOD CONDITIONS FOR VIEWING
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): ZEISS 10X40 BINOC,
BUSHNELL TELESCOPE (20X)
11. Distance to bird: 200-300 YDS
12. Duration of observation: 20 MINUTES
13. Habitat: MARSH
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):
BIRD FIRST SEEN FLYING IN FROM GULF. SOARING FLIGHT, SLIGHT DIHEDRAL (FIRST THOUGHT IT WAS A GOLDEN EAGLE BUT DID NOT RULE OUT A TURKEY VULTURE UNTIL TAIL PATTERN SEEN)

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:
LARGE, DARK BIRD OF PREY (AT LEAST SIZE OF TURKEY VULTURE) - WHITE TAIL WITH DARK TERMINAL BAND, ESPECIALLY NOTICED AS BIRD WHEELED. SMALL WHITE PATCHES SEEN AT BASE OF PRIMARIES, WING LININGS DARKER THAN PRIMARIES AND SECONDARIES. RELATIVELY SMALL HEAD AND LONG TAIL.
BIRD, WHEN NOT SOARING OR SAILING, FLEW WITH SLOW, POWERFUL WING BEATS.
16. Voice: NONE
17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):
BALD EAGLE (imm) - DARK WING LININGS, SHAPE, LACK OF WHITE IN WING LININGS ELIMINATE THIS SPECIES,
TURKEY VULTURE - TAIL & WING PATTERN ELIMINATE THIS SPECIES
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (DARK MORPH) - MUCH GREATER IN SIZE - WING PATTERN WRONG FOR ROUGH-LEG.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):
NONE
19. Previous experience with this species:
SEEN MANY TIMES ESPECIALLY AT THE HOLIDAY BEACH HAWK WATCH & PT. PELEE (BOTH IN ONTARIO)
20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:
a) at time of observation: } NAT. GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE
b) after observation: } TO BIRDS
21. This description written from: ___ notes made during observation; ___ notes made after observation (date: ___); memory.
DIDN'T REALIZE I NEEDED A RARE BIRD RECORD FORM
22. Are you positive of your identification? YES. If not, explain:
23. Signature of reporter: Joseph P. Kleiman
24. Date and time of writing this account:
11/24/91 9:30-10:00 P.M.