

Louisiana Ornithological Society's  
LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
Report Form

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

1. English and Scientific names: GOLDEN EAGLE (Aquila chrysaetos)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 imm
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: JEFFERSON DAVIS  
(parish)  
NEAR INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS 99 & 14  
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: FEBRUARY 8, 1992
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:45 A.M., 12:25 P.M.
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(s):  
DAVE ROARK
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
NANCY NEWFIELD, JOHN SEVENAIR, MAC MEYERS
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): BIRD SOARING OVERHEAD IN GOOD LIGHT
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): ZEISS, 10X40 BINOC.
11. Distance to bird(s): 200-300 YARDS (1ST TIME), 0.5-0.75 MILE (2ND TIME)
12. Duration of observation:  
10 MINUTES (1ST TIME), 5 MINUTES (2ND TIME)
13. Habitat:  
RICE FIELDS

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):  
 BIRD SOARING OVERHEAD, PERHAPS HUNTING (1ST TIME)  
 BIRD SOARING BUT HAD GEESE IN UPROAR (2ND TIME)
15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):  
 LARGE, DARK BIRD OF PREY - MUCH LARGER THAN RED-TAILED HAWKS NEARBY  
 LONG WHITE TAIL WITH BLACK TERMINAL BAND  
 WHITE PATCHES AT BASE OF PRIMARIES IN LONG, DARK WINGS  
 SMALLISH HEAD (RELATIVELY SPEAKING) - GOLDEN HACKLES  
 COULD OCCASIONALLY BE SEEN WHEN BIRD WHEELED IN SUN
16. **Voice:** NONE
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation): BALD EAGLE - BODY PATTERN, WING PATTERN WRONG FOR THIS SPECIES - ALSO SIZE OF HEAD AND LENGTH OF TAIL DO NOT FIT FOR B. EAGLE - TURKEY VULTURE - TAIL PATTERN WRONG, WINGS WRONG -
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):  
 NONE
19. **Previous experience with this species:**  
 SEEN MANY TIMES IN MIGRATION IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO - ALSO SEEN ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN CALIFORNIA, SOUTH DAKOTA - SAW MY FIRST LA BIRD THIS PAST FALL IN CAMERON
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
 a. at time of observation: NONE  
 b. after observation: NONE
21. **This description is written from:**  notes made during the observation  
 notes attached?);  notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_);  
 memory.
22. **Are you positive of your identification** If not, explain: YES
23. **Signature of reporter:** Joseph P. Kleiman 6/10/92 9:30 P.M.  
 (date) (time)