

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 immature
- 3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Rapides
(parish)
4 miles north of Chenayville
(specific locality)
- 4. Date(s) when observed: 2-13-93
- 5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:20 noon (or so)
- 6. Reporting observer and address: Roger J. Breedlove
152 Alice Dr.
Pineville, La. 71360
- 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): Cecil Kirstings, Barbara Baumgarten, Bill Bergen, Juan & Ginny Villareal, Judy Fall and others
- 8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
- 9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny day - the bird was to the northeast of our position, soaring in full light
- 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swift 8.5 x 445, EXC.
Kowa TSN-3, EXC.
- 11. Distance to bird(s): He came within 250 yards @ nearest approach
- 12. Duration of observation: 10 min.
- 13. Habitat: Farmland (flooded, w/ 2500 snowgrass feeding)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
The bird soared, studying the geese and being occasionally harassed by the odd Red-tailed or Marsh Hawk (whom he dwarfed by comparison)

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: 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):
Dark brown plumage, huge buteo looking bird, wings held almost level in a soar, with tips somewhat raised. Tail white w/ a well defined black terminal band. Underwing showed white wedges in center of wing, widening toward the outer primaries. Head was lighter in color, appearing as a shiny tan in the sun. The huge creature eventually made a pass @ the geese, but declined to give chase when they flew.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Imm. Bald Eagle has less white on tail and a more "mottled" appearance. Black Vulture has shorter wings + shorter, completely dark tail

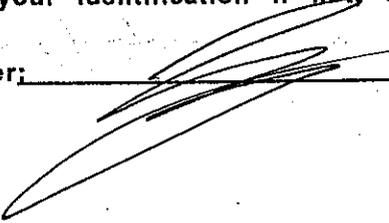
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): No

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen several times, the last being @ '93 wintered in Lake Charles.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: N.G., Petersons + Golden
b. after observation:

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: Positive

23. Signature of reporter:  2-24-93 12:15 p.m.
(date) (time)

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1. English and scientific name: Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): One immature.
3. Locality: Louisiana state Rapides parish
NE edge of sandhill crane fields N. of Cheneyville specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: Feb 13, '93
5. Times of day when seen: late morning
6. Reporting observer and address:
Cecil C. Kersting
401 Rue St. Peter #228
Metairie, LA 70005
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Roger Breedlove and 10 others from CBC
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: Roger Breedlove
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sunny + clear, light of sun to our backs
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 7x42 binoc, 22x Bushnell scope
11. Distance to bird: 1/4 mile
12. Duration of observation: about 3 times for long periods during 1 hr
13. Habitat: around 11 a.m.
Woods adjacent to very large open fields
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification): Mostly soaring, flat winged. At one point a N. Harrier flew up to interact with it. The harrier was prob. less than half the size of the eagle. At another occasion the Eagle sailed toward us and dropped over a huge flock of snow geese + white fronts putting them to flight.

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:

Very large raptor, very dark, twice the size of N. Harrier.
Upper tail white with broad very dark terminal band.
Whitish confined to windows on wings at base of primaries
(underwing)

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

Imm. Bald Eagle separated by more white blotches along wing lining and much darker upper tail.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

None

19. Previous experience with this species:

Some in the west.

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation: Peterson, Western Birds

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; _____ notes made after observation (date: _____); memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter:

Cecil W. Kersting

24. Date and time of writing this account:

Feb 14, 93 10 a.m. day after observation