

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

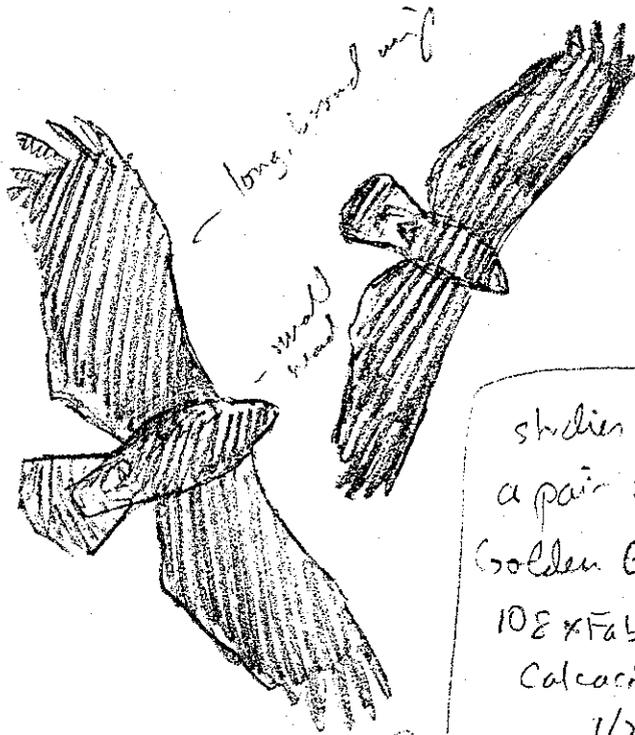
Rare Bird Report Form

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1. English and Scientific names: Golden Eagle (Aquila chrysaetos)
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): Two adult (definitive)-plumaged birds
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; Calcaieu Par.; junction of LA 108
and Fabacher Rd.
(parish)

(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 24 January 1998
5. Time(s) of day when observed: afternoon (1-3 pm?)
6. Reporting observer and address: Daniel Lane
119 Foster Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Chris Witt, ~~Don Chisholm~~, ~~Susan Woodruff~~, Rob Fawcett, Kalan Ickes
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Joe Kleinman, others (?)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): clean to ~~moderate~~ lightly cloudy, bright sunlight
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Zeiss 10x40 B, Bausch + Lomb Elite scope
11. Distance to bird(s):
< 1/4 mile
12. Duration of observation:
~15 minutes

13. Habitat: over field, edges of hardwood trees, scrub.
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):
Spotted circling overhead, headed NE without direct flight (ie. circling)
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; if possible, give details on 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. Attach additional pages as necessary):
Two large, dark raptors. Heads clearly feathered, but small by comparison to Bald Eagle juv. Wings huge, much longer and broader than any Buteo. Only pale ~~markings~~ markings were tawny, wide bars at tail base (visible both from above and below), and golden-colored hackles on nape. Vent feathers probably whitish (see sketch)
16. Voice: none given
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?): see above.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, one taken by me (available on request)
one by Chris Witt
19. Previous experience with this species: extensive, seen almost annually in New Jersey 1983-1995, also in western USA (several trips)
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: X notes made during the observation; ___ notes made after the observation (date: _____); ___ memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)? Yes 100%
23. Signature of reporter: Daniel Zam 14 Oct. 1998
(date)

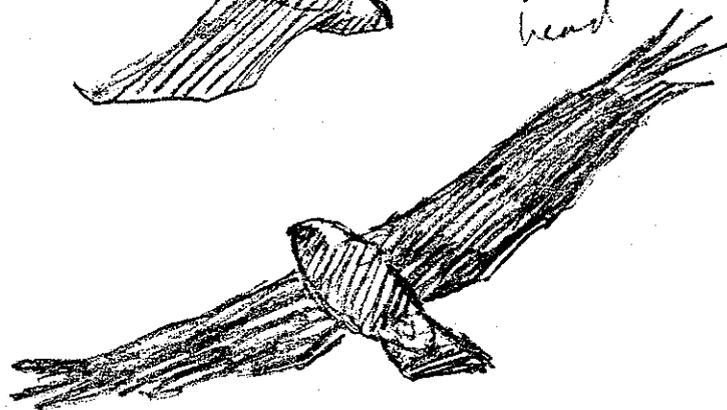
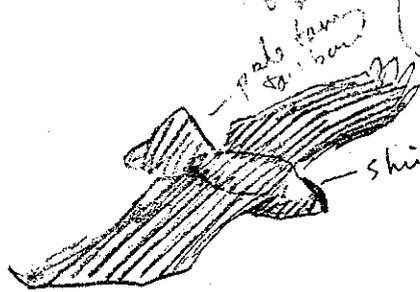


studies of
a pair of adult
Golden Eagles

108 x Fabacher Rd.

Calcasieu Parish, LA

1/24/98



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- 1. English and Scientific names: GOLDEN EAGLE, *Aquila chrysaetos*
- 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1, adult
- 3. Locality: LOUISIANA: CALCASIEU (parish)
FABACHER RD., ~ 1 MILE NORTH OF LA 108 (specific locality)
- 4. Date(s) when observed: FEBRUARY 3, 1998
- 5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~ 9:00 A.M.
- 6. Reporting observer and address: JOSEPH KLEIMAN
15913 MALVERN HILL
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
- 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): DOUGLAS STEWART
MARGIE GRIFFITH
- 8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): 2 GOLDEN EAGLES HAD BEEN ON ANOTHER DAY
BY CHRIS WITT, DAN LANE, ETC. IN SAME AREA
- 9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): BIRD WAS TO THE EAST OF US, BUT VIEWING CONDITIONS WERE GOOD
- 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): ZEISS 10X40 GOOD
- 11. Distance to bird(s): ~ 0.5 Mi
- 12. Duration of observation: ~ 10 MINUTES
- 13. Habitat: OPEN FIELDS WITH SCATTERED TREES

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
 BIRD WAS SOARING AND FLYING SLOWLY TOWARDS THE SOUTH - UP PRETTY HIGH
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):
 A LARGE, DARK RAPTOR, SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER THAN RED-TAILED HAWKS IN THE AREA. THE BIRD HAD A RELATIVELY SMALL-HEADED, LONG-TAILED LOOK, WIDE, LONG MONO-TONED WINGS WERE HELD FLAT OR AT A SLIGHT DIHEDRAL - WINGS UNIFORMLY DARK - COULD NOT SEE GOLDEN HACKLES (TOO FAR AWAY) - WHEN BIRD WAS ABOUT 1 MILE TO THE SOUTH OF US, I THINK IT CAUSED A FLOCK OF GEESE TO CALL EXCITEDLY, A RESPONSE I HAD HEARD REPEATEDLY AT HOLIDAY BEACH, ONT.
16. **Voice:** NOT HEARD OF GEESE
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
 IMM. BALD EAGLE HAS CONSIDERABLE WHITE MOTTLING
 TURKEY VULTURE HAS A TWO-TONED WING (SILVERY-GRAY FLIGHT FEATHERS)
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):
 NONE
19. **Previous experience with this species:**
 SAW MANY WHILE HAWK WATCHING AT HOLIDAY BEACH & PT. PELEE, BOTH IN SW ONTARIO, ALSO HAVE SEEN THEM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OUT WEST & SW TEXAS
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
 a. at time of observation: NONE
 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: YES
23. **Signature of reporter:** Joseph P. Kleiman 9/3/98 1:30 PM
 (date) (time)

Species: GOLDEN EAGLE
State: LOUISIANA Parish or County: CALCASIEU
Locality: FABACHER RD, ~ 2 Miles N. OF LAI08
Date: FEBRUARY 3 19 98 No. seen: 1 adult
Observers: JOE KLEIMAN, MARGIE GIFFITH, DOUGLAS ^{STewart}
Documentation: sight record (); photo (); specimen (); heard only ()
Significance: LARGE, DARK RAPTOR WITH TRACE OF WHITE IN TAIL - WINGS AT SLIGHT DIHEDRAL, UNLIKE TV - WILL TURN IN RARE BIRD REPORT
For unusual records, give details on reverse side possibly one of birds seen 1/24

Species: Golden Eagle
State: LA Parish or County: Calcasieu
Locality: Fabacher Rd x Rt. 108
Date: 24 January 19 98 No. seen: 2 adult
Observers: C. Witt, D. Lane, C. Ickes, R. Fawcett, S. DeWitt
Documentation: sight record (); photo (); specimen (); heard only ()
Significance: Fairly rare winterer

For unusual records, give details on reverse side
photos taken

