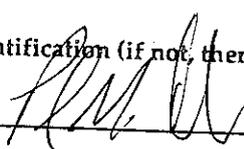


Louisiana Ornithological Society's  
LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Rare Bird 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 ensure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach fieldnotes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for 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
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 1 adult
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; Caddo  
(parish)  
At the Port of Shreveport, Red River mile 212  
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed:  
December 12, 1998
5. Time(s) of day when observed:  
10:00 AM
6. Reporting observer and address:  
Paul Dickson  
P.O. Box 51367  
Shreveport, LA 71135-1367
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):  
none
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):
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
Zeiss 10x56 night owls
11. Distance to bird(s):  
75 meters
12. Duration of observation:  
3 minutes

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13. **Habitat:**  
open river
14. **Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):**  
circling over the river
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):**  
A large entirely brown raptor with long broad wings, a broad tail and a small head in proportion to a massive body. Tail had 3 faint bands just barely seen at that distance. Other than the faint bands, the tail was entirely dark as were the wing linings and the whole bird. Bald Eagle was eliminated by small head and all dark tail and wing linings. Melanistic or dark phase buteos by same and by massive size and long, broad wings. This is just 2 miles from the spot where I saw one in early November (record submitted to LBRC) and 12 miles from where Charlie Lyon reported one the day before.
16. **Voice:**  
none
17. **Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):**  
from turkey or black vulture by broad massive look, all dark wings, see above.
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):**  
none
19. **Previous experience with this species:**  
extensive including November 5, 1998!
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:** XX notes made during the observation; \_\_\_\_\_ notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); \_\_\_\_\_ memory.
22. **Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)?:**  
yes
23. **Signature of reporter:**  5/21/99 (Date typed)  
(date)