

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, *Aquila chrysaetos*
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 2 IMMATURES
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; CAMERON
LACASSINE POOL
(parish)
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 14 DECEMBER 2001
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~ 11:00 - 11:25
6. Reporting observer and address:
JOSEPH P. KLEIMAN
15913 MALVERN HILL
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
MARTY GUIDRY, KAREN FAY, BOB HAMILTON
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
NONE THAT I KNOW OF
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): BRIGHT SUNNY DAY, BIRDS IN GOOD LIGHT
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
ZEISS 10X40 & LEICA TELEVID, 30X
11. Distance to bird(s):
200 YDS TO ~ 0.5 MI.
12. Duration of observation:
~ 25 MINUTES FOR FIRST BIRD, 10 MINUTES FOR SECOND BIRD

13. Habitat: MARSH WITH SCATTERED TREES

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):

SOARING OVER MARSH ROAD AT FIRST, THEN FLEW A SHORT DISTANCE TO WNW WHERE IT INTERACTED WITH THE OTHER BIRD IN A SPECTACULAR MANNER

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):

THE PLUMAGE OF BOTH BIRDS WAS QUITE SIMILAR WITH ONLY SMALL DIFFERENCES IN THE AMOUNT OF WHITE IN THE UNDERWING PATCHES. THESE PATCHES AT THE BASE OF THE INNER PRIMARIES & OUTER SECONDARIES WERE QUITE SMALL (NOT VERY NOTICEABLE). THESE BIRDS WERE LARGE, DARK BIRDS OF PREY EXCEPT FOR THE WHITE TAILS WITH BROAD DARK BAND AT THE TIPS. ALSO THE GOLDEN HACKLES WERE SEEN AS THE BIRDS WHEELED IN THE BRIGHT SUNNY, ~~DAY~~^{BLUE} SKY. THE BIRDS GAVE A RELATIVELY SMALL-HEADED LOOK, ESPECIALLY AS COMPARED TO THE ADULT BALD EAGLE SEEN BEFORE & AFTER

16. Voice: NOT HEARD

17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?): BALD EAGLE ELIMINATED BY TAIL PATTERN & UNDERBODY PATTERN ELIMINATES IMM. BALD EAGLE AS WEL

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

KAREN MAY HAVE GOTTEN SOME VIDEO

19. Previous experience with this species: EXTENSIVE AT HAWK MIGRATION WATCHES IN ONTARIO - ALSO SEEN SEVERAL TIMES IN LA & OUT WEST IN CA

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: THE OTHER 3 OBSERVERS

b. after observation: NONE

21. This description is written from: ___ 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: Joseph P. Kleiman 12/15/01
(date)