

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 immature bird

3. Locality: LOUISIANA:

Jefferson Davis  
Goose I. Rd, ~ 2 1/2 mi S of LA 14  
(specific locality)

4. Date(s) when observed:

12/14/01

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

About 8:30 AM

6. Reporting observer and address:

John P. Sevenair  
325 Stafford Pl.  
New Orleans LA 70124

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

Curt Sorrells

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):

Bird was in the open - cloudy at the time.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss 7x

11. Distance to bird(s):

~ 400 yards (est)

12. Duration of observation:

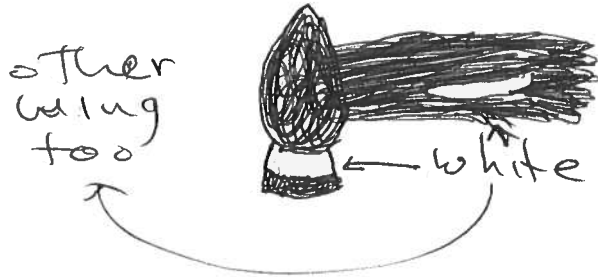
~ 1 min.

13. Habitat: Scrubby field

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation): Flying low, scaring geese and egrets, being harassed by a n. harrier

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 huge bird, dwarfing <sup>→ having twice the wingspan, upper</sup> geese, egrets, and a harrier nearby. Dark, <sup>→ bird</sup> long broad wings, with white at the base of the tail and the primaries, as shown here.



16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):

Bald Eagle doesn't have pattern of white like ↘

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

no

19. Previous experience with this species:

I've seen several in LA

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Sibley Guide to Birds

21. This description is written from:      notes made during the observation;  notes made after the observation (date: 12/14);  memory. notes made within 10 min

22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)? yes

23. Signature of reporter: John P Severain 12/14/01  
(date)