

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: WHITE-TAILED HAWK, *Buteo albicaudatus*
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 1 ADULT
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: JEFFERSON DAVIS
(parish)
WEST OF WELSH ON LANDFILL ROAD, ~ 2 MI. NORTH OF I-10
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 30 NOVEMBER 2001
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:40 - 2:55 PM (2PK)
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):
JOANNE KLEIMAN
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
I UNDERSTAND OTHER BIRDERS (UNKNOWN TO ME) SAW THE BIRD
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): BIRD IN GOOD LIGHT TO EAST OF ROAD ON A
POWER LINE POLE
ON THE SAME DAY
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
ZEISS 10X40 (GOOD), LEICA TELEVID 30 TO 60X, EXCELLENT
11. Distance to bird(s):
~ 150 YDS
12. Duration of observation:
~ 15 MINUTES

13. Habitat: WEEDY FIELDS, SOME WET
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):
BIRD WAS PERCHED
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 BUTED, WHITE UNDERNEATH, DARK GRAY ABOVE GRAY HEAD, BILL PALE GRAY WITH DARK TIP (COULDN'T SEE CERE) - RUFOUS SHOULDER PATCH - LONG WINGS (POINTED) EXTEND BEYOND TAIL - YELLOW LEGS - TAIL WHITE WITH BLACK BAND NEAR TIP FACE LIGHT NEAR BILL
16. Voice: NOT HEARD
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):
SHORT-TAILED HAWK IS SMALLER, DOESN'T HAVE RUFOUS SHOULDER PATCH, TAIL PATTERN WRONG
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
NOT THAT I KNOW OF
19. Previous experience with this species:
SEEN OFTEN IN S. TEXAS AND I HAVE PRESUMABLY SEEN THIS SAME BIRD SEVERAL TIMES HERE IN PREVIOUS WINTERS
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 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 8 DECEMBER 2001
(date)

11/30/01 WELSH LANDFILL SITE 2:40 PM

light out our backs, bird east of road
large buteo, white underneath

gray head, rufous shoulder patch

wings extend beyond tail - yellow feet
terminal white band, then black band, then white

tail - bill pale gray with dark tip - face light
at bill - ~ 200 yds, 30 to 60 x Rein. T. bird

~ 1000 gulls, mostly ring-billed & laughing

AK - HH

RT - HH

HARRIER - 1

SHRIKE - 11

PEREGRINE - JD