

Louisiana Ornithological Society's

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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 assure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach photocopy of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include complete series of photos for more 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. (If you use this form as a computer template; please submit on archival quality = 100% cotton paper.)

1. English and Scientific names: Golden Eagle (Aquila chrysaetos)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage: One first basic
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Cameron Parish; E of Rutherford Beach along beach front
4. Date(s) when observed: 16 November 2002
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~ 10 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Daniel Lane 119 Foster Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Brian J. O'Shea
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): _____
9. Light conditions: Clear sky, side-lighting (see photos)
10. Optical equipment: Zeiss 10x40 binoculars,
11. Distance to bird(s): ca 200 yards - 500 yards
- 12.) Duration of observation: ca 10 min
- 13.) Habitat: Circling over beach-front scrub and marsh
- 14.) Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation: Observed circling without much powered flapping. Flored slowly E along beach, then back N before being lost.

15.) Description: Very large raptor with broad, long wings.
Head looked pale from a distance owing to light
hiding pale nape. White at bases of secondaries
and ~~retrices~~ easily visible from a distance (see photos).
Otherwise dark.

16.) Voice: None

17.) Similar species and how they were eliminated: Bald Eagle in pre-mature
plumages have different shape, white is not concentrated
solely in secondaries and rectrix-bases.

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

19.) Previous experience with this species: Many seen in NE and W USA,
twice before in LA.

21.) Identification aids:

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

22.) This description is written from: notes made during the observation; notes made
(immediately) after the observation (date: _____); or X memory. Please attach copy
of field notes.

23.) Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes.

24.) Signature of reporter: David [unclear]

(date)

(time)

19 Nov 2002



Golden Eagle
Louisiana: Cameron Par.; E end of Rutherford Beach
16 November 2002
photos by Dan Lane



