

# 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 pertinent information is accounted for. Attach additional pages or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <[zoiseaux@lusfiber.net](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: **FERRUGINOUS HAWK *Buteo regalis***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
**One light morph juvenile.**
3. Parish: **Calcasieu; Lacassine NWR Pool Unit, just north of refuge boundary and east of Illinois Plant Road; bird initially observed from *within* refuge but was clearly beyond refuge boundary- later relocated in newly cut rice field east of Illinois Plant Road.**
4. Date(s) when observed: **27 October 2018**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **about 5 PM (based on eBird list, memory, and photo time stamps).**
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <b>Donna L. Dittmann and Steven W. Cardiff</b>
City: <b>435 Pecan Drive, St. Gabriel</b>
State: <b>LA</b>
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):  
**None.**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):  
**None that we are aware of.**  
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9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Clear, 77 F, wind WSW 5-15 mph.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
**10 X 42 and 10 X 50 Leica binoculars -good condition, Kowa 25-60 X telescope in**

**excellent condition**

11. Distance to bird(s): **initially as far as 0.72 mi., later within about 100-200 meters.**

12. Duration of observation: **approximately for 25 minutes**

13. Habitat: **newly cut rice field bordered by hedgerows, just north of Lacassine Pool boundary and east of Illinois Plant Road.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **for initial observation we were near the first kiosk/parking area at the Pool. We were scanning N/NE beyond the refuge where there were huge flocks of grackles, ibis, and some soaring raptors. After studying this bird for a while, SWC thought it looked "interesting" with what appeared to be a white tail with a dark terminal band. DLD watched the bird for a while and agreed but it was too far to be certain of ID or to obtain photos. We then drove to refuge entrance and north on Illinois Plant Road a very short distance to where the vegetation was not too tall and we could scan to the east. Here we briefly relocated the bird, now about 0.6 mi. to our ENE, still too far. The bird moved back and forth east to west, circled, dropped, then would gain altitude again. Finally, we were watching as it appeared that the bird was stooping on a prey item somewhere on the ground and then it did not reappear. So, we jumped into the vehicle, went north on Illinois Plant to the first gravel road extending east and we drove about half a mile east until a newly cut rice field emerged on our right (south side of road). We immediately spotted the hawk sitting in the field about 100-200 meters away to the SSE. Donna started snapping photos, then SWC got out of the vehicle to flush the bird for flight shots. The bird was last seen flying low to the SE.**

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: 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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

**See photos. The bird is obviously a light morph and we believe that it is a juvenile because of the pale iris, pale thighs, and relatively pale under wing. Visible in the photos- the diagnostic combination of feathered tarsi, wing pattern, tail pattern, head pattern, and large bill/cere with gape extending posteriorly to under the eye.**

16. Voice: **Not heard.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

**Nothing similar.**

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

**Yes, by DLD and SWC. See: <https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S49500028>**

19. Previous experience with this species:

**Much experience in W. USA, including a number of recent observations in Jeff Davis County, TX; this is at least the 4<sup>th</sup> that we have found in LA.**

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

**None.**

a. at time of observation:

**None.**

b. after observation:

**None.**

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	Same day to eBird.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

**YES.**

23. Date: **completed on 8 February 2019**

Time:

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

**YES**\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_\_\_**YES**\_\_\_\_\_









