

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
REPORT FORM

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This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographys, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the LOS Bird Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: Harris' Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 ad
3. Locality: Louisiana: Hwy 35 - 1 mi. S. of Vincent Refuge Parish: Vermilion
4. Date(s) when seen: December 31, 1994
5. Times of day when seen: 9:10 - 9:30
6. Reporting observer and address: Phillip Wallace, 4515 S. Prieur St., New Orleans, LA 70125
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: Curt Sorrells
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: Many others
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good to excellent light; sun behind observers
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10X40
11. Distance to bird: 30-50 yards
12. Duration of observation: 20 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific): Roadside. Perched on telephone pole adjacent to open rice fields.
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): Resting, preening, flying.
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):

Head - Dark brown

Bill - bright yellow with gray tip

Wings - Folded - chestnut on upper wing

In flight - Chestnut shoulder patch

Underparts - Chin, breast, and belly chocolate brown
undertail / white from legs back

11 - Proximal half white; distal half brown; white termin
white base of tail conspicuous in flight.

Overall dark brown color

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

None

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

Slides by Wallace accompanying this report.
Videotaped by Sorrells.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen several times in
Texas and Arizona.

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: None

21. This description written from: ☒ notes made during observation; ☐ notes
made after observation; ☐ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter:

Philip Wallace

24. Date and time of writing this account:

March 5, 1985

2:45 a.m.