

## 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 pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all 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.

1. English and Scientific names: ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (Buteo lagopus)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 (Imm.)
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: NATCHITOCHES  
(parish)  
FIELD SOUTHWEST OF EXIT 148, I-49 (NW OF NATCHITOCHES  
(specific locality) (LA 485-POWHATAN EX.
4. Date(s) when observed: JANUARY 23, 1999, JAN. 31, 1999
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~ 1:10 - 1:35 PM (11/31 - 1:10 - 1:25)
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):  
ROGER BREEDLOVE, CAROL FOIL, M.O.B. FROM BRAS  
FIELD TRIP
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
BIRD FOUND BY CHARLIE LYON ABOUT 3 WEEKS EARLIER,  
SEEN BY SEVERAL PEOPLE SINCE THEN.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): SUNNY DAY, LIGHT NOT THE BEST SINCE SUN WAS  
BEHIND BIRD A GOOD PART OF THE TIME
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10X40 ZEISS BINOC., LEICA  
TELEVID 20X
11. Distance to bird(s): 100 TO 300 YDS
12. Duration of observation:  
~ 20 TO 30 MINUTES
13. Habitat:  
A WEEDY FIELD WITH SOME SMALL TREES AND  
SOME LARGE HAY BALES

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): BIRD WAS ACTIVELY HUNTING MOST OF TIME. IT HOVERED, IN PLAC FOR SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF TIME WHILE HUNTING. IT ALSO SAT ON HAY BALE AND IN SMALL TREE AT TIMES.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: 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): A LARGE, RELATIVELY LONG-WINGED

AND LONG-TAILED BUTED IN COMPARISON TO THE RED-TAILS SOARING OVER THE SAME FIELD. BIRD HAD A VERY DARK BELLY BAND, A DARK CARPAL PATCHES, WHITE TAIL WITH A DARK TERMINAL BAND. BIRD HAD A WHITE PATCHES ON UPPER PRIMARIES. UNDERWINGS WERE MOSTLY LIGHT WITH DARK EDGES TO FEATHERS (PRIMARIES & SECONDARIES). WHEN BIRD WAS PERCHED, THE HEAD WAS SEEN TO BE QUITE PALE AND THE BREAST WAS AN OFF-WHITE. WHEN PERCHED IN A SMALL TREE, IT APPEARED TO BE PERCHED ON A VERY SMALL BRANCH, A PERCH SMALLER THAN ONE WHICH COULD SUPPORT A RED-TAIL, A POINT WHICH VERY OFTEN ALLOWED V.

16. Voice: TO PICK OUT ROUGH-LEGS WHEN THEY WERE PERCHED AT A DISTANCE. THIS WAS NOT INFALLIBLE BUT IT NOT HEARD WORKED A GOOD 70% OF THE TIME. THIS IS DUE TO THEIR REL
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): ACTIVELY SMALL FEET COMPARED TO RED-TAIL BIRD HAS DARK BACK & WINGS WHEN PERCH
- NOTHING ELSE COMES TO MIND.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I TOOK SOME PICTURES BUT I DON'T THINK THEY ARE ANY GOOD
19. Previous experience with this species: EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO

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 attached?); \_\_\_ notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_); ✓ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: Joseph P. Kleiman 1/25/99 9:30 PM  
(date) (time)