

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: **Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One immature.
3. Parish: **Cameron**
Specific Locality: **Parking lot at Peveto Woods**
4. Date(s) when observed: **2 November 2019**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **approx. between 1:30-2:00pm**
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Daniel Lane
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Ned Brinkley, Field Guides tour group.**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **during present sighting, none, but presumably the same bird was seen at Willow Island by Paul Conover and Oscar Johnson only about an hour earlier.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Good afternoon light. Bird against lightly cloudy sky, but pattern on underside of wings and tail still visible.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Leica 10x40 binoculars, good condition.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **Overhead about 200-300 ft.**

12. Duration of observation: 30-40 sec probably.

13. Habitat: Over coastal chenier.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Gliding westbound as part of a movement of migrating raptors.

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*): Large accipitrid, long, broad, rectangular wings. Dark overall, with small white patches at bases of primaries, the very outermost secondaries, and rectrices. Smaller head than typical for Bald Eagle.

16. Voice: none given.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Immature Bald Eagle has different shape (larger head, more "ragged" trailing edge to wings), lacks white on remiges, but rather has it on underwing coverts. Turkey Vulture has bare head, also lacks white patches as described above.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by Ned Brinkley. See eBird list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S61134527>

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive. Seen almost annually while still in the Northeast, particularly when visiting hawk watching sites in NW New Jersey. Also seen on many occasions in Rockies.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>

X	memory
X	study of images

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

23. Date: 3 Feb 2020

Time: 7pm

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_____