

# 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: Golden Eagle, *Aquila chrysaetos*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
One
3. Parish: Richland  
Specific Locality: Kennedy Rice Farm
4. Date(s) when observed: 28 Feb 21

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:15 am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Stephen L. Pagans
City: West Monroe
State: La.

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

Pawel Michalak

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Kowa 20-60x scope.

11. Distance to bird(s): about 100 yards

12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes

13. Habitat: Agricultural area

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Initially, sitting on ground within 25 feet of a Bald Eagle that was eating a Snow Goose. Then it flew away.

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*): It was about the same size as a nearby Bald Eagle. Its golden nape could be seen.

16. Voice: None heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Juvenile Bald Eagle. This bird had a prominent golden nape.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: At least twice in the past, I have been quite close to a Golden Eagle and acquired very good photos.

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

a. at time of observation: The Sibley Guide to Birds

b. after observation: photos

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"/>
<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: 3-10-21

Time: 8:00 pm

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\_\_\_\_\_



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