

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):
1 probable 2nd year bird
3. Parish: Richland
Specific Locality: Kennedy Rice Farms
4. Date(s) when observed: January 23, 2022
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 2:15pm
6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Arthur Liles and Steve Pagans
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): Cloudless, sunny skies with sun to our rear (we were facing east).

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Alpen Rainier 8x42 binoculars in very good condition. Swarovski EL 12x50 bins, a week old. Nikon P900 camera.

11. Distance to bird(s): Very far, about a half mile.

12. Duration of observation: 3 minutes or so.

13. Habitat: Bird was soaring/circling/moving south along easternmost treeline. Between us and the treeline, it's all open ag fields with ditches/levees and a large flock of mixed ducks and geese.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): See previous answer.

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*): Very large, dark raptor. Wings in slight dyhedral. Tail wedge shaped with prominent white band across base on upper side. Paler nape; pale strips on upper sides of wings from "wrist" diagonally to body. No mottled spots or streaks seen anywhere (as in subad. BAEA). No white patches on underside of wings seen (as in juv. GOEA), although photo only shows upperside.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): TUVU eliminated by presence of large white band across base of tail. Adult BAEA eliminated by absence of white head and white tail. Subad. BAEA eliminated by lack of mottled/streaked plumage and white band across tail.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): One decent photo by me.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen a few times, including in LA.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley guide used to age bird.

21. This description is written from:

memory

study of images

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

23. Date: 18 Feb, 2022.

Time: 9:26am.

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____yes_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____yes_____