

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Harris's Hawk, *Parabuteo unicinctus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
One adult
3. Locality: Jeff Davis Parish  
Specific Locality: JD Parish Landfill. Welsh
4. Date(s) when observed: 12/10/2017, 01/03/2018, 01/13/2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ca. 4:25-4:40 on 12/10
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Previously reported, stakeout seen by many
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): Clear, late afternoon sunlight from behind me hitting the bird.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, Nikon D3300 with 200 mm lens, Nikon Fieldscope 20-60x, Samsung S4 phone camera
11. Distance to bird(s): From as close as 30 yards
12. Duration of observation: ca. 15 minutes
13. Habitat: Landfill grounds, grassy slope
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: The hawk was perched on short structures on the landfill slope. It repeatedly acted aggressively toward all other hawks (4-5 Red-taileds) present, chasing them off of nearby perches and calling loudly at them.
15. Description: Slender dark brown raptor with chestnut shoulder patches and leg feathering. White at base of tail dorsally and ventrally. Broad white tips to dark rectrices. Legs and cere vivid yellow. Bill black, eyes dark brown.





16. Similar species: No other dark hawk has this combination of features.

17. Voice: Loud, short, harsh cries.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive across their US range. Species is somewhat uniform in plumage so a little experience goes a long way.

20. This description is written from memory and photos.

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

22. Date: 01/17/2018