

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: Harris's Hawk
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Parish: Jefferson Davis
Specific Locality: Welsh Landfill
4. Date(s) when observed: December 12, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: intermittently between 8:50 – 9:50am (Central Standard Time).
6. Reporting observer and address: James F. Holmes, 4109 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): This was a stakeout and was identified previously.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good. I was looking west and sun was behind me.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski binoculars and Kowa scope, both in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 550-750 feet
12. Duration of observation: intermittently over 20 minutes
13. Habitat: This is the Jefferson Davis Parish Landfill. There is short grass on the side of the hill and active dumping of trash at the top of the hill.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): I watched successfully hunt from a perch. Seen perched and in flight.

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*):

An obvious dark brown raptor. Yellow face extending to bill that became grayish with a dark tip. Bright yellow legs. Eye dark. Chestnut feathering to shoulders and legs visible on perched bird. In flight, the chestnut was visible on both dorsum of wing (shoulder) and the wing linings. In flight, primaries and secondaries were dark. The rump was white. The tail was long and dark brown with a white tip. There was some chestnut colored feathering in the lower back (just above the white rump). No bands/jesses on the legs. No evidence of feather wear from my photos.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Although both Red-shouldered Hawk and White-tailed Hawk have similar chestnut coloration to the shoulder, both are easily eliminated. Red-shouldered Hawk has a checkered pattern wing and banded tail as well as a reddish chest/abdomen. White-tailed Hawk has a white tail and white chest/abdomen. A dark phase Ferruginous Hawk would still have white primaries and secondaries in flight and a white tail.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos are inserted into my eBird list:

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S41046740>

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species on multiple occasions although my last experience with this species was October 2012 in Northern Peru.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from: dictated into eBird at time of observation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<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: December 15, 2017

Time: 11:53am

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 _____



