

# 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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Harris' Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
One adult.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) Jeff Davis \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Locality: \_\_\_\_\_ Welsh Landfill \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date(s) when observed: 29 November 2017, 3 January, 13 January 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 7am-9 am (29 Nov), 1pm (3 Jan), 1pm (13 Jan)
6. Reporting observer and address: Dan Lane  
LSU Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): J. V. Remsen, Jr., Gary Byerly, Marybeth Lima, Paul Conover, Robb Dobbs, Markie Mutchler.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): various. First located by Ivan Fruge on 26 Nov 2017.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent light from east or south with bird to our west for most of observations.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40 binoculars and Swarovski 85mm angled scope with 25-60x eyepiece.
11. Distance to bird(s): between 30-200 meters.
12. Duration of observation: Total, perhaps about 30 min.

13. Habitat: slope of solid waste landfill with short grass, some pines along road, and weedy fenceline with scattered small deciduous trees.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird largely stayed along east-facing slope of landfill, but occasionally perched on pines, telephone poles, or trees in weedy field. We noted that it was aggressive towards Red-tailed Hawks that were also hunting in the area, often displacing them on favored perches. Although not especially spooky, it did not seem to like to perch near our vehicles, rather keeping a certain distance (>30 meters). We looked for jesses or any other evidence of falconry escape, and saw none. Other records this winter season of Harris' Hawks to the north of usual range support a pattern of vagrancy.

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): A Buteo-like hawk with a longer tail and more rounded wings, smaller than Red-tailed, perhaps more like Red-shouldered in size. Dark (chocolate-brown) plumaged overall, with white band at base and tip of tail (black band between). Rufous shoulders and leg ruffs easily seen. Yellow cere and lore skin. An adult bird.

16. Voice: Recording made of calls during November observation, when it was quite vocal, uploaded to Macaulay Library on the 29 November eBird list.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Seen well enough that all important plumage features noted, and no similar species exist.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. Sound recordings and photos available on eBird lists from 29 Nov and 3 Jan eBird lists.  
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S40821643>  
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S41611433>

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive in TX, AZ, Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia.

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: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation

(\_\_\_\_notes attached?);\_\_\_\_notes made after the observation (date:\_\_\_\_);  
\_\_X\_\_memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: \_\_\_\_Daniel Lane\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_14 Jan 2018\_Time: \_5:00pm

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\_\_\_\_

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