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. <u>Attach additional pages or files as necessary</u>. 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 <<u>zoiseaux@lusfiber.net</u>> .

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

3. Parish: Jefferson Davis
    Specific: Landfill Road, NW of Welsh

4. Date(s) when observed: 30 November 2017[1] and 28 January 2018[2]

5. Time(s) of day when observed: [1]2:15-3:00 PM and [2]2:30-2:45 PM

6. Reporting observer and address: Donna L. Dittmann & Steven W. Cardiff
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7. <u>Other observers</u> accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none

8. <u>Other observers who</u> *independently identified* the bird(s): Seen by numerous observers

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): good on both days

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 X 40 & 10 x 50 Leica binoculars; Kowa 25-60X zoom telescope.

11. Distance to bird(s): variable distances as bird was on landfill hillside

12. Duration of observation: probably about 15 minutes max on both occasions.

13. Habitat: grassy hillside of landfill

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; sitting and flying.

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*): See photos. An all-dark brown hawk with large rusty shoulder patch, under wing linings and thigh feathers; broad white base to tail and white terminal band; white under tail coverts; and dull yellow cere, legs, and feet. No jesses; no plumage or behavior that suggests captivity.

16. Voice: a strident *errrp* call heard during the first visit.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): None – distinctive species: plumage and call.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, distant – DLD (see below from 30 November, Nikon 300S with 80-400mm zoom lens).

And from 28 January 2018 – even more distant, an iPhone camera shot through Kowa telescope.

19. Previous experience with this species: We've seen lots in the West, also three others in Louisiana, including found one of our own on a Lafayette CBC.

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.	Are notes attached?	
	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
X	memory		
X	study of images		

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

23. Date: 5 March 2018
     Time: 12:07 AM

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

Donna L. Dittmann and *Steven W. Cardiff*