



LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1, second year. Sex unknown.
3. Parish: Calcasieu
Specific Locality: Fruge Rd, N of Cameron Prairie NWR (30.091625, -93.038086)
4. Date(s) when observed: 30 January 2016
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Found around 3:30 PM and again around sunset in the same location.
6. Reporting observer and address: Katrina Hucks
100 Belle Fontaine Dr #133
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Paul Leberg, Landon Jones, Paige Byerly
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): Slightly overcast.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Monarch binoculars and Swarovski Scope.

11. Distance to bird(s): 100 m

12. Duration of observation: 20 minutes

13. Habitat: In line of trees separating two agricultural fields

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Resting initially, flushed into trees about 30 m farther.

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*): Dark Buteo with white patch on breast, orange wing patches, and light-colored tail in flight.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eliminated dark morph Red-tailed Hawk by distinct white patch on otherwise very dark body. Also lacked red on the tail in flight.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, Katrina Hucks. Attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: Adults and juveniles seen in southeastern TX.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley and Peterson guides

b. after observation: N/A

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: 5/3/2016

Time: 11:00

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