

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: White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 in adult plumage possibly a male as the bird was mostly pale above and unbarred below
3. Parish: Jefferson Parish
Specific Locality: Exxon fields on a telephone pole next to Hwy 1 near the Nature Conservancy
4. Date(s) when observed: 10/27/2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:54-10:07 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Joan M Garvey, 1320 New York St., New Orleans, LA 70122
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mark Meunier
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): Perfect conditions, we were standing across the street from the pole where it was perched eating a bird.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon EOS 7D Mark II with a Canon EF400mm f/4 DO IS II USM in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 25 feet
12. Duration of observation: 13 minutes
13. Habitat: A grassy field with power poles crossing it.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was perched pulling feathers off a bird it was preparing to eat.

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*):

The bird was a large hawk with rusty scapulars and gray head and back. Underparts and tail were white with a large black band towards the end of the tail.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Swainson's, but this bird had rufous scapulars.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Joan Garvey will send photos

19. Previous experience with this species: None

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): National Geographic, Sibley's

a. at time of observation: ibirdpro

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes

23. Date: 10/27/2017

Time: 9:54-10:07 a.m.

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_____









