

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** *Buteo albicaudatus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **2, one adult, one juvenile**
3. Parish: **Jefferson Davis**
Specific Locality: **Oilfield Road.**
4. Date(s) when observed: **11/Dec/2017**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **12:15 pm**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Michael Musumeche, 1621 Southwood Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **none, was with Kristine Dewey**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **none**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **cloudy**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Swarovski 10x42.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **varying from 30-70 meters**
12. Duration of observation: **10 minutes**
13. Habitat: **brushy fields**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **sitting on ground, juvenile perched in small tree, adult soaring, both 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*): **Two birds were seen, an adult and a juvenile in close association with each other. The adult with rusty/brown on wings, white ventral, gray above, white tail with a black subterminal band. The juvenile was dark overall with a white blotch on breast, a whitish tail.**

16. Voice: **none noted**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Swainson's Hawk has extensive dark remiges, dark chest, barred tail**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Michael Musumeche, photos forwarded to Paul Conover**

19. Previous experience with this species: **yes, a few times in Louisiana and much in south Texas**

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

b. after observation: **Sibley, Peterson**

21. This description is written from:

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | memory | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | study of images | | |

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

23. Date: **12/Dec/2017**

Time: **7:05 am**

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**_____









