

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
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:

White-tailed Hawk, *Buteo albicaudatus*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

One – third year.

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Calcasieu Parish, immediately east on Harris Road at the intersection of Harris Mott Road, Harris Road, Metzger Road, and Fruge Road.

4. Date(s) when observed:

January 11, 2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

10:20 AM CST

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, Louisiana 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

8.

None.

9. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

None who saw bird at/near site. Confirmed by Donna Dittmann.

10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Clear – light from behind me.

11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss 10 x 42 binoculars. Good condition.

12. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately 30 yards.

13. Duration of Observation:

Approximately 5 minutes.

14. Habitat:

Bird in tree on fence line next to pasture in converted coastal prairie.

15. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observations (flying, feeding, resting; including and stress habits in identification: relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was perched in leafless deciduous tree growing in fence line. Drove to within 30 yards and watched and photographed the bird. It seemed unconcerned about my presence.

16. 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):

Did not see reddish brown shoulder although there is some suggestion of its presence in images. Dark hood and back. Breast not immaculate white – apparently 3rd year bird with reddish brown tipped breast feathers in leg area. Tail white.

Voice:

None heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Possibly variant Red-tailed Hawk. Breast pattern and tail pattern were different.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?):

Two images to be transmitted with this form.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have seen White-tailed Hawks – adults and juveniles – several times in Texas and on several occasions in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes.

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

- a. at time of observation: Sibley's Field Guide.
- b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide. Crossley Raptor Field Guide.

21. This description is written from: __notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date: 12 Jan. 18); memory.

My notes were sketchy at best. My description is based on much reflection and review of images.

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

23. Signature of reporter signed Jay V. Huner _date 02/08/2018 9:15 PM.



