

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 adult
3. Parish: Calcasieu
Specific Locality: Bill Gayle Rd (southward extension of LA 397 just south of Helms Rd)
4. Date(s) when observed: January 10, 2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:32 pm
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Phillip Wallace
City: Abbeville
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Seen in general area by Delahoussaye and Moon on 12/16/18 and subsequently by Remsen, Myers, and Lassiter.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Fair to good
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle 8x42 binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): Flew overhead about 100 ft. Flying from south to north.
12. Duration of observation: About 1 minute.

13. Habitat: Road with tallow forest to the east and fallow field to the west.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying into wind from south to north.

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*): Buteo-like hawk with dark trailing edge to underwings and conspicuous dark smudges at outer edge of underwing coverts on otherwise pale wings; pale tail with dark subterminal band and white tip. Hint of gray head just visible on left side. Seen only from below and only one photo of any use in ID.

16. Voice: None.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Pretty distinctive hawk; Swainson's and Short-tailed show some similarities from below but can be easily eliminated by tail and wing pattern.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): One useable photo by Wallace accompanies this report.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen several times in LA and TX.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: Sibley and Wheeler & Clark

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

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

23. Date: January 31, 2019
Time: 11:57 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



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Calcasieu Parish
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