

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 immature, probably 2 year old. Mostly juvenile plumage but inner primaries and  
rectrices freshly molted with grayish markings (photos).
3. Parish:  
Richland
4. Specific Locality:  
Rice Farm
5. Date(s) when observed: 10/29/2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 10 am
7. Reporting observer: Pawel Michalak
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of  
light): Good conditions, sunny day.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x42 NL Pure
12. Distance to bird(s): ~60 yards the closest
13. Duration of observation: 3 min
14. Habitat: Rice field, farmland
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and  
stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Initially  
spotted soaring from a considerable distance, approximately five minutes later,  
observed as it actively hunted from close proximity. The bird executed a stealthy dive

into a mixed flock of ibises and yellowlegs, inducing a significant commotion among the startled birds.

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):

See photos.

17. Voice:

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

From an immature Bald Eagle distinguished by a smaller head, slimmer tapered wings, longer black-and-white tail and white wing patches.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Yes

20. Previous experience with this species: Seen before a dozen or so times.

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

22. Identification aids used when?

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

12/31/2023

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes







