

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: Harris's Hawk, *Parabuteo unicinctus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 adult
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Just south of the Holly Beach Water Tower on Hwy. 27
4. Date(s) when observed: October 28, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:00-11:10 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Joelle Finley, 6654 Argonne Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70124
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Kevin Colley and Ken Harris
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): Clear sky, we were looking north, sun was basically behind us with light showing well on the bird which was located on telephone pole.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 8.5x 42 binoculars (JF & KH), excellent condition, Leica 8x42 binoculars (KC), excellent condition. Swarovski HD 20x-60x spotting scope (JF) excellent condition , Kowa TSN 883 spotting scope, 20x-60x (KC) excellent condition.
11. Distance to bird(s): 75-100 yards
12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
13. Habitat: Marsh
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): First saw bird flying up to a telephone post along the road where it perched for a few minutes. Watched it fly to second pole further down the road where it perched for a few minutes. Watched it fly across the road, over the marsh where it dove down into the marsh and we lost it. We

waited for it to show itself again but we could not re-find it.

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*): First noticed large white patch on the rump/upper tail, longish tail with black band distal to the white patch and a small white terminal band and then saw the bright chestnut patch on the wing which clinched the ID. Bird had uniform dark brown head and back.

16. Voice: Quiet

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Not confused with other birds.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Attached photographs taken by Ken Harris and also by Joelle Finley

19. Previous experience with this species: JF has identified Harris's Hawks in South Texas since the 1970s, also in Argentina, Venezuela and Arizona. KH has identified Harris's Hawks in Arizona, Texas, and Argentina. JF and KH have observed the Coulson's hawks free flying in Bayou Sauvage on a couple of occasions and also riding on their carry poles. KC identified Harris's Hawks in South Texas.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Readily identifiable from previous experience with the species.

a. at time of observation:

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

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

23. Date: 10/29/2017

Time:8:03 p.m.





