

1. English and Scientific names:

Harris's Hawk, *Parabuteo unicinctus*

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

One Adult

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

Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. Found on top of fire containment structure on the east side of the Landfill Unit seen from Landfill Road.

4. Date(s) when observed:

January 14, 2018.

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Around 3:30 PM CST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

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

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

None

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

Staked out bird seen by many.

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

Bird on trash retaining structure on top of landfill. No shadows.

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

Zeiss Binoculars 10 x 42. Good condition. Vortex Spotting Scope, Good Condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately ¼ mile.

12. Duration of Observation:

10 minutes.

13. Habitat:

Landfill Mound.

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

Bird was perched on trash retaining structure.

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):

Large, dark brown raptor; reddish brown shoulders.

Voice:

Bird was silent.

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

This species is a very unique raptor. Confusion difficult.

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

Image will be submitted with this report.

18. Previous experience with this species:

Seen and closely observed in southern Arizona and southern Texas. Also one individual seen and reported in Ascension Parish, LA in 2000 and another in Cameron Parish in October 2017..

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

- a. at time of observation:
- b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide.
- c.

20. This description is written from: \_\_\_notes made during the observation (notes attached?); \_x\_notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); \_x\_ memory.

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

22. Signature of reporter \_\_signed Jay V. Huner\_\_ date\_February 9, 2018\_ time 8:40 PM

