

LBRC Report Form

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:
Vermilion
4. Specific Locality:
Cypress Point Rd between Alvie Rd and FT Smith Rd
5. Date(s) when observed: January 1, 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:35-11:38 am
7. Reporting observer: Phillip Wallace
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Discovered by Claire H and Tom H on December 31, 2024
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent; sun behind observer
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondback 10x42 binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 20 yards
13. Duration of observation: 3 minutes
14. Habitat: On power pole near houses in agricultural area
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Perched and flying
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):
Unmistakable bird. Brown body with rufous wing coverts. Broad black tail band contrasting with white tail coverts and tail tip. Large, bright yellow bill.

17. Voice: None

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

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

20. Previous experience with this species: I've seen several times in LA, south TX, and AZ.

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
None

22. Identification aids used when?
None used

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

24. Date report completed:
January 10, 2025

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

















