

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: [Rough-legged Hawk \(*Buteo lagopus*\)](#)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): [1 juv. plumage](#)
3. Parish: [East Carrol](#)
Specific Locality: [Hwy. 65 X Washington Rd.](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [13 Feb. 2018](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [16:45](#)
6. Reporting observer and address: [Van Remsen](#)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
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): [cloudy, late PM light, so-so](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [10X50 binos and Kowa scope](#)
11. Distance to bird(s): [several hundred yards](#)
12. Duration of observation: [ca. 10 mins](#)
13. Habitat: [Telephone pole along highway through ag lands with scattered tall trees](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Perched on pole, alert to my presence; flew at least once but returned to another pole](#)

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*): [I saw the bird as I was driving down the highway ca. 60 mph, saw the distinctive pattern \(pale head, dark belly\), told myself it couldn't be a Rough-leg but rather a poorly seen Krider's. An abrupt U-turn brought me back past the bird but I drove past it at normal highway speed to not flush it and didn't stop for about a half-mile; then, I turned around, parked, and scoped the bird. It was obviously a Rough-legged. I snapped a few marginally identifiable doc shots, and then slowly did a stop-and-go approach to get better and better photos, taking care to stay inside the car as much as possible.](#)

The photos do a better job than any written description in showing the characters that indicate Rough-legged Hawk.

16. Voice: [Silent](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [No other species has the combination of pale head, distinctive back belly band, white tail with dark band on tip, and black patches in underwing coverts.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): [already submitted](#)

19. Previous experience with this species:

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

a. at time of observation: [none](#)

b. after observation: [as I write this report, I just now checked to see if my ID as a normal juvenal was correct, and I see that separation from adult female not as straightforward as I had originally thought. As far as I can tell, the lack of a truly distinct black tail band and presence of pale bases of primaries indicates juv.](#)

21. This description is written from:

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	notes made after the observation.	At what date?
	memory	
X	study of images	

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

23. Date: **14 March 2019**

Time:

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? **Yes**_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? **Yes**_____