

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 light morph
3. Parish: St. Charles
Specific Locality: Bonnet Carre' Spillway
4. Date(s) when observed: 7 December 2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1205-1235 hours

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Christopher G. Brantley
City: Mandeville
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Rob Heffner, John Munson

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Melvin Weber

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

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski EL 10x42

11. Distance to bird(s): 100-200 feet when directly overhead to approximately 2000 feet

12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes, much of time when bird was too distant to make out distinguishing features

13. Habitat: Open fields

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Only observed in flight over open fields, at times hovering in place. Was not seen perched or on ground.

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*): Buteo with dark belly and wrist patches, primaries mainly white with dark tips, tail white with dark band on edge.

16. Voice: None noted.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Other common raptors seen nearby in Spillway, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle. None of these have dark belly and wrist, mostly white tail with darker edge.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos attached to report by Christopher G. Brantley

19. Previous experience with this species: None

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

a. at time of observation: Cornell Lab website

b. after observation: Sibley Guide to Birds

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 7 December 2022

Time: 1850 hours

24. 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 _____

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



