

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: White-tailed Hawk – *Buteo albicaudatus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
**appeared to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> year bird.**
3. Parish: **Calcasieu**  
Specific Locality: **Near intersection of Fruge' and Nunez Roads, near Bell City, LA**
4. Date(s) when observed: **3/Feb/2016**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **About 9:00 am.**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Michael Musumeche, 1621 Southwood Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Deanna Griggs**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **none**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
**good light from my rear**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Swarovski scope**
11. Distance to bird(s): **bird was about ¼ mile away.**
12. Duration of observation: **about 15 minutes**
13. Habitat: **prairie with thin linear field borders**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **bird was resting in tree then took to flight**

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*): **This White-tailed Hawk appeared to be a 2nd year bird. The entire dorsal surface was very dark together with a mostly whitish ventral area. There didn't appear to be any white markings on its dark head. When it flew, the tail looked white with a dark sub-terminal band. It had a strong white breast patch.**

16. Voice: **none noted**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **unique**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **yes by Michael Musumeche submitted to Paul Conover.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **some in south Texas**

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
**none**

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **Sibley**

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: **4/Feb/2016**

Time: **7:20 am**

