

# 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
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1, adult
3. Parish: Jefferson Parish  
Specific Locality: Grand Isle, East End
4. Date(s) when observed: First observed on Friday, Oct. 13, 2017 and also on Oct. 14, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: About 4pm on Friday Oct 13 and mid-morning on Oct 14, 2017
6. Reporting observer and address: Kathy Rhodes, 5051 Bridgeport Way, Houma, LA 70360
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Cindy Bourg, Martha Authement, Karen Kelly
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): David Booth
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, Bird was sitting on top of power pole facing south. Sun was going down in the west, so lighting was excellent.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix P530
11. Distance to bird(s): Sitting in car short distance from power pole
12. Duration of observation: several minutes

13. Habitat: On asphalt road facing east with grassy field on the south and fenced in oilfield company property on the north. Ditches were full of water from Hurricane Nate.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was resting on top of the telephone pole with one foot up.

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*):

The 4 of us mentioned above came in the day before the Terrebonne Bird Club field trip. We were driving around and had just seen an American Kestrel. I don't see from far well but spot well. I saw a larger bird ahead on a telephone pole that looked like a kestrel but much larger. Assumed it was a Peregrine Falcon and left it at that. David Booth arrived much later at our camp and when I mentioned this to him he asked to see the photograph. I showed him. He immediately knew that it was a white tailed hawk. Karen displayed the bird on her iPad in her Sibley app. David said it was a rare and good find. He also said he would follow up with additional information on the find.

16. Voice: None heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): See #15 answer

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Kathy Rhodes, I can attach photos. Photos are also all posted on Terrebonne Bird Club Facebook page.

19. Previous experience with this species: NONE

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

a. at time of observation: none really, just compared size to American kestrel just spotted

b. after observation: Sibley's iPad app, David Booth

21. This description is written from:

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| <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"/> |

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| yes | memory          |
|     | study of images |

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

23. Date: Oct 15, 2017

Time: 2:20 pm

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





