

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: **White-tailed Hawk, *Buteo albicaudatus***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 adult (or nearly an adult), 1 juvenile
3. Parish: **Calcasieu**
Specific Locality: **Fruge Rd N of Nunez Rd (30.0936, -93.0384)**
4. Date(s) when observed: **10/27/2017**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **3:45 pm**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Rosemary Seidler, 740 Prospect St., Shreveport, LA 71104 rseidler@centenary.edu**
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): **poor. It was overcast with intermittent rain**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **10 x 42 Swarowski bins, 60mm Swarowski scope**
11. Distance to bird(s): **25 – 75 yards**
12. Duration of observation: **30 min**

13. Habitat: **brushy field bordered by taller trees**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **juvenile was perched on fence post at back of field along tree line. Adult was flying over the field.**

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*): **juvenile was dark brownish overall with a rufous shoulder patch with yellow legs. Adult had gray back and top of head, white underneath, White tail with black band near the edge.**

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **underside wing pattern of adult different from Swainson's or Red-tailed Hawks.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **my photos attached**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Very little in Texas. Bird was found and ID'd by others so I'd studied Sibley and Wheeler & Clark's "North American Raptors" before searching for the bird.**

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): **Sibley and Wheeler & Clark's "North American Raptors" ahead of time.**

a. at time of observation: **Sibley**

b. after observation:

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: **1/13/2018**

Time: **11:30 am**

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_____



