

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 *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 juv or subadult

3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods sanctuary

4. Date(s) when observed: 16 October 2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 1:00 p.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul Conover
City: Lafayette
State: LA

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):
Sunny, not a problem

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 12x

11. Distance to bird(s): maybe 200 yards at closest

12. Duration of observation: about 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Coastal pastureland with scattered live oaks and live oak skeletons

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was hovering over the

field, eventually worked a little closer to me, then worked back to the east and I lost it behind trees.

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*):

A dark hawk with a white chest spot and pale tail.

Head darkly hooded, dark brown on back and onto breast, with dark streaks onto belly. White blaze on center of breast. Underwing coverts patterned dark. Flight feathers below pale-based with dusky distal half or third. Undertail coverts whitish, tail pale with dusky tips. Uppertail coverts appeared whitish, indicating a plumage beyond juvenile.

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Other dark raptors can be similar, but this suite of features matches WTHA exactly.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: Pretty broad both in state and in TX.

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

a. at time of observation:

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 type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 17 Oct 20203

Time:

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?





