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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

- 1. English and Scientific names: White-tailed Hawk Buteo albicaudatus
- 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): adult or young adult

| 3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) Calcasieu |
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| Specific Locality:Fruge Rd., right angle turn n. of Nunez Rd., in pulloff on w. side of road |
| 4. Date(s) when observed:29 August 2023 |
| 5. Time(s) of day when observed:8:50 a.m. |
| 6. Reporting observer and address: B. Mac. Myers 641 S. 5 th St., Eunice, LA 70535 |
| 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s):none |
| 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):Good light, looking west |
| 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):10x42 Vortex, good condition |
| 11. Distance to bird(s):150-200 yards |
| 12. Duration of observation:about 1.5 to 2 minutes |
| 13. Habitat: pastures with scattered trees |

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was circling around, moderately low, giving good views of dorsal and ventral surfaces; eventually went lower and out of sight.

- 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): A large, long-winged, point-winged buteo. Body gray above, with chestnut markings; white below. Tail gleaming white above and below, with black subterminal band. Wings below mostly white with dark trailing edge and darker primaries, contrasting with much paler wing linings. I never got a good look at the chin/throat, so not sure if young adult or older adult. I spotted the bird as I was driving to the turn and immediately drove into the pulloff and observed it through the windshield. When I got out to attempt photos, it dropped out of sight. I waited around for another five minutes or so, but it did not reappear.
- 16. Voice: n.a.
- 17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): The field marks noted above eliminate other species, including oddballs or leucistic ones.
- 18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none, see description.
- 19. Previous experience with this species: Several in recent years, including one last year at this precise location
- 20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
- a. at time of observation: none
- b. after observation: Wheeler Raptors of Western North America, for details about ageing
- 21. This description is written from: _x___ notes made during the observation (____notes attached?);___notes made after the observation (date:____); __memory.
- 22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: yes
- 23. Signature of reporter: _B. Mac. Myers _______Date:1 Feb. 2024 _____Time: ___3:18 p.m.____
- 24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its webite? ____yes____

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