

LBRC Report Form

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
3. Parish:
Calcasieu
4. Specific Locality:
Fruge Rd just north of Duhon Rd
5. Date(s) when observed: January 14, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:13 am
7. Reporting observer: Phillip Wallace
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
David Muth saw the bird later in the day.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was to the west of the observer with the sun behind the observer.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 10x42 binoculars in good condition
12. Distance to bird(s): 50 yards
13. Duration of observation: 2 minutes
14. Habitat: Pasture with a few trees
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Soaring and moving away to the west

16. 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):

Buteo with white tail with a dark subterminal band; chestnut leading edge of upper wings contrasting with dark wings; light gray back and head.

17. Voice: None

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Very distinctive; no ID contenders.

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

Photos by Wallace attached.

20. Previous experience with this species: I've seen many times in TX and LA.

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

None.

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

February 18, 2024

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes



