

RARE SPECIES REPORT

171-01-1989

SPECIES: MISSISSIPPI KITE		NUMBER SEEN: ONE (1)
SIGHTING DATE: May 29, 89		SIGHTING TIME: 11 AM to 11:30 AM
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: YORK County PA. DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: About 1/2 mile So. of Sargina w along R.R. Tracks DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT:		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: Good/Excellent DISTANCE: 500 - 1200 FT. EQUIP. USED: 8x24 LENGTH OF SIGHTING: Two - THREE MINUTES	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: NONE SIZE: Crow SIZE PLUMAGE: IMMATURE/JUVENILE ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): Long Pointed Wings AND TAIL. MOSTLY BROWN ALL OVER/HEAVILY STREAKED BEHAVIOR: TAIL BANDS COULD NOT BE SEEN. DARKER BROWN IN Wing Linings AS COMPARED TO PRIMARIES AND SECONDARIES.	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: I HAVE SEEN THE BIRD BEFORE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: ITS SLOW FLIGHT COMPARED TO A PEREGRINE FAST & LONG POINTED WINGS & LONG TAIL - NO DOUBT IN MY MIND		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? NO IF SO, BY WHO? - IT WAS A MISSISSIPPI KITE!		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who?		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): THE BIRD WAS FLYING NORTH PARALLEL TO THE SESQUEHANNA RIVER ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD.		
SIGHTING & REPORT BY: BILL DELGRANDE		
ADDRESS: 1687 CRESTLYN RD. YORK PA 17403 PHONE # _____		
SIGNATURE: William J. Del Grande		DATE: June 13, 1989

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SPECIES: MISSISSIPPI KITE		NUMBER SEEN: 1
SIGHTING DATE: MONDAY, MAY 29		SIGHTING TIME: 11:30 A.M.
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: YORK - PENNSYLVANIA DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: 1 MILE SOUTH OF SACINA W-GUT RD. DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: ALONG SUSQUEHANNA RIVER		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: GOOD DISTANCE: 1000 FT. EQUIP. USED: BINOCULARS 7.5X, 42 7-15-35 LENGTH OF SIGHTING: 1 MINUTE	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: NONE SIZE: PEAEGRINE PLUMAGE: IMMATURE ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): LENGTH 12" - 15" BEHAVIOR: GLIDING + FLAPPING (LITTLE FLAPPING)	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: A LIFER		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: SIMILAR TO PEAEGRINE WINGS - (LESS BROAD) - POINTED WINGS - LONG TAIL		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? No IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who? ^{BILL DELGRANDE} ALSPIESS		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space):		
SIGHTING & REPORT BY: JACK & LIL DOWNS		
ADDRESS: RD 2 BOX 237V		PHONE # 717-252-3529
WRIGHTSVILLE PA. 17368		
SIGNATURE	<i>Jack D. Downs Lil Downs</i>	DATE: 6/16/89

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Mississippi Kite

The Mississippi Kite That we saw South of Saginaw Was flying from the South parallel to the Susquehanna River and passed directly overhead. It had a steady wing beat but was not really fast The long narrow bent wings were the first thing I noticed. The breast was heavily streaked. The tail was very long and narrow but no bars could be seen on the underside.

Time of sighting- nearly 2 minutes
Conditions-passed directty overhead in
bright sunlight
Date- May 29 89

Al Spiese

I'm sort of having a problem in knowing what records should be submitted to the Ornithological Records Committee. I know what are new or ^{new} records to our area, mostly, so when I send in my quarterly report you'll have to let me know if I've missed something.

↓ I had a Lesser Black-backed Gull at Bruners Is. on July 15. I'm not sure of the summer status of this bird in Pa.

Record No.: 171-01-1989

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: Mississippi Kite

Date of Sighting: 05/24/89

Observer(s): Bill DelGrande, Jack & Lil Downs, Al Spiese

Date of Submission: 1989 *Yark*

Submitted by: Bill DelGrande

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater						X	
B. Haas		X					
F. Haas				X			
R. Leberman		X					
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner				X			
P. Schwalbe		X					
TOTALS		<i>3</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>1</i>	
DECISION					_____		

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Bill Haas

Date: *12-26-89*