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1986 Buchanan Trail W.  
Mencerville, Pa., 17236-9701  
April 12, 1991

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Dear Barb and Frank,

Carl Garner suggested I contact you re:

On Easter Sunday, March 31, 1991 I was hawk counting on Tuscarora Summit between Ft. Loudon and McCConnellburg, Pa. on Rt. 30 and Aughbrack Rd. at 12:28 E.S.T. a bird thermaled upwards in the east about 100 ft. from me.

The following are notes I wrote at the time:  
imm. (brownish); row of light dots - trailing edge of wings;  
"sharp" face; shape like harrier - no rump patch;  
flight "buoyant", not disjointed; Tail squared, slightly notched  
100 ft. above; from 3 → 9; circled in thermal e. of me,  
crossed above, circled over "the Pulpit", tripled height  
in @ 2 min.; hazy, filtered light; sky "3"; wind "2" - s.e.

The bird disappeared to the west at 12:30 P.M.  
The bird had vertical striping on its chest and horizontal barring on its tail feathers and rose effortlessly in the thermals. I called it a Miss. Kite.

I've been a hawkwatcher at Tuscarora since 1968 and I've never seen a bird like this before. I use Audubon "Swift" 8½ x 44 glasses. There was no photo taken and no other witness. (But I heard <sup>there was</sup> a Miss. Kite on the W. Penna. Conservancy Hot-line the following week.)

Very truly yours,  
Charles T. Brighetti

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? Record of Mississippi Kite  
Tuscarora Summit (Franklin/Fulton line)  
Charles Brightbill

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The following are the notes I wrote at that time:

"immature (brownish); row of light dots—trailing edge of wings; 'sharp' face; shape like harrier—no rump patch; flight 'buoyant,' not disjointed; tail squared, slightly notched; 100 ft. above; from 3→9 [o'clock]; circled in thermal e. of me, crossed above, circled over "The Pulpit;" trebled height in ±2 min.; hazy, filtered light; sky [conditions] "3"; wind [conditions] "2" from SE.

The bird disappeared to the west at 12:30 p.m. The bird had vertical striping on its chest and horizontal barring on its tail feathers and rose effortlessly in the thermals. I called it a Mississippi Kite.

I've been a hawkwatcher at Tuscarora since 1968 and I've never seen a bird like this before. I use Audubon Swift 8.5X44 glasses. There was no photo taken and no other witness. (But I heard there was a Mississippi Kite on the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy hotline the following week.)

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## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round #2 of 2

Species: **Mississippi Kite**Date of Sighting: **31 March 1991**Observer(s): **Charles Brightbill**Date of Submission: **1991 FRANKLIN CO**Submitted by: **Charles Brightbill**

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			1	5			1
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*Bm Haas*

Date:

*3/7/92*

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round #1 of 2

Species: **Mississippi Kite**

Date of Sighting: **March 31, 1991**

Observer(s): **Charles Brightbill**

Date of Submission: **1991**

Submitted by: **Charles Brightbill**

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			4	2			1
DECISION				<del>      </del>			

Comments:

*Send for Second Round*

Signature (Secretary):

Date: