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RARE SPECIES REPORT

This report will only be on the site

SPECIES: Mississippi Kite
(Ictinia mississippiensis)

NUMBER SEEN: Two - one adult seen well one imm. seen seen at 1/2 mile or more

SIGHTING DATE: 21 May 1995

SIGHTING TIME: 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

LOCATION:

COUNTY & STATE: Bucks and Lancaster Co., PA
DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: 2 1/2 miles SW from Knowers
DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:

HABITAT: Mixed agricultural and large fields in rolling hills

SIGHTING CONDITIONS:

LIGHTING: Fair, few clouds in the
DISTANCE: 200 yards to approx 1 mile
EQUIP. USED: scope and binoculars
LENGTH OF SIGHTING: 1 1/4 hr

DESCRIPTION:

VOICE: chirp
SIZE: apx 15" w 21" wing span
PLUMAGE: White on head and neck, dark on back and wings. Tail dark with white spots. The wings are dark with white spots.
ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): Bill dark, legs dark, wings pointed out.
BEHAVIOR: soared

FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: I have seen one on 7 Apr 1995.

COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: I was able to identify the bird as a kite. The view from the ground and shape were similar with the wings.

HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? No IF SO, BY WHO? None

Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who? None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): Several other kites were seen in the area. One was seen near the town of Knowers. The kite was seen in the field and the kite was seen by Jonathan Miller. Jonathan Miller and I watched the kite for about 1 1/2 hours.

SIGHTING & REPORT BY: Jonathan Miller

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SIGNATURE Jonathan Miller DATE: 21 May 1995

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Mississippi Kite (Ictinia mississippiensis)**

Date of Sighting: **27 May 1995 to 27 May 1995**

Location: **KNAUERS**

County: **BERKS**

Observer(s): **Randy Miller**

Date of Submission: **1995**

Submitted by: **Randy Miller**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **NO** Specimen: **NO**

Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

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