

RARE SPECIES REPORT

171-03-2000

SPECIES: <i>Mississippi Kite</i> <i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>		NUMBER SEEN: one
SIGHTING DATE: 30 May 2000		SIGHTING TIME: 9:03-9:21 am
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: Mt. Wilson - apx. 2 mile south on Rt. 241 from Rt. 322 DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: ^{apx. 100 acres of open land with 5 large buildings surrounded by mostly forest} and some farm land.		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS: 60° East wind 5-10 mph	LIGHTING: Cloudy DISTANCE: 100 ft. to 1/4 mile EQUIP. USED: eyes LENGTH OF SIGHTING: 18 min.	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: — SIZE: Wing span apx. 34" PLUMAGE: Sub-adult = Gray-brown on the body and wings and head. Some streaking on upper chest. Pale base on primaries. Tail had black and white barring. Tail was flared at the tip. Square end on tail. The kite appeared dark on top but I only had distance views. Wings came to a blunt point - narrow - trailing edge of wings was straight ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): and the wrist was at a slight angle. BEHAVIOR: Sailing and gliding just above tree tops or one of the buildings. Wing beat was stiff. Flat wings. Flight was like a Common Nighthawk. The kite would put on a burst of speed, probably after insects. I flew over head once. He was mostly 150 yards away.	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: Lanc. + Berks Co.		I have seen only 3 other Mississippi kites. 4-7-1991 in Lebanon Co and 2 on 5-27-1995 in
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: N. Harrier has a white rump patch. Wings are mostly held on a dihedral. Peregrine Falcons are not as buoyant and graceful in flight. The tail is mostly held in place. My bird had a nice black and white barring on the tail.		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? no IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who?		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): I could not make out the short outer primary - a field mark I know - maybe with binoculars. The flight appeared very buoyant and graceful. The tail would flare out when turning.		
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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

Date of Sighting: 30 May 2000 to 30 May 2000

Location: MT. WILSON

County: LEBANON

Observer(s): Randy Miller

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: Randy Miller

Written Description: Yes

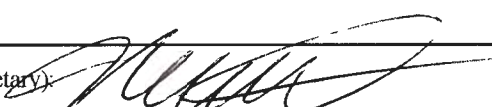
Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead			X					
D. Couchman				X				
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X ←	X	SEE BELOW			
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald B. Loberman			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			6	2				
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 11/26/01