

RARE BIRD REPORT

Species: MISSISSIPPI KITE Date of this Observation: AUG 12 2001

Date Found: AUG 12 2001 Last Date Seen: AUG 12 2001

Location: ALONG PA TURNPIKE - western FULTON COUNTY JUST BEFORE BEDFORD COUNTY LINE

Township/City: _____ County: FULTON

Person Writing this report: DAN SNELL (didn't see bird)

Address: OBSERVER: JOHN FEDAK (e-mail → jlfedak@PENN.COM)

Phone: _____

Other Observers: _____

Who found the bird first: JOHN FEDAK

Other documentation Included: (Circle all appropriate items)(Make sure all attached items are fully labeled)

Photograph

Audio Recording

Video Recording

If a Specimen, where is it stored? _____

Description: (Attach additional pages as needed —Please do not write on back of this form)

ATTACHMENT FROM PA_BIRDS internet listserv

171-05-2001

Daniel Snell

171-05-2001

From: John and Lisa Fedak [jlfedak@PENN.COM]
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2001 1:59 PM
To: PABIRDS@LIST.AUDUBON.ORG
Subject: Mississippi Kite

Hello,

With the lack of posts lately, this one should be good. While traveling the PA Turnpike at the edge of Fulton County - just before the Bedford County line, I observed a bird perched in a snag at the side of the road. When I slowed to observe it during HEAVY traffic, this is what I saw:

Grayish white overall, small hooked bill, long black primaries, speckled brown breast, dark black eye patch, grayish back with white speckles, and white leading edges. At the time I was sure it was a kite - having seen them before in the south. Looking thru Sibley, I am now positive that it was an immature Mississippi Kite. I would like to have stopped and observed it more - my observation being from a moving vehicle well below the speed of the passing motorists, but traffic and a crying son did not allow for that.

Although the observation was short and brief, I am positive and believe that someone else in the area should check this bird out. The only landmark that I can give was that we were going uphill near the top of a hill and that we very quickly passed into Bedford County. Sorry about the location generality, but I was not expecting to see any thing and did not think to look for a mile marker at the time.

We were visiting family near Hershey and headed home.

We did stop at the Allegheny Front for a picnic and Joe Sabo and I saw some migrants - about a half dozen BW Hawks and a Kestrel.

Good Birding!
John, Lisa, and Danny Fedak
Clarion County

Birdsong is the music that tunes my ears!
Crying is the tune that plays my heart!

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*)

Date of Sighting: 12 August 2001 to 12 August 2001

Location: ALONG PA TURNPIKE

County: FULTON

Observer(s): John Fedak

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: Dan Snell

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

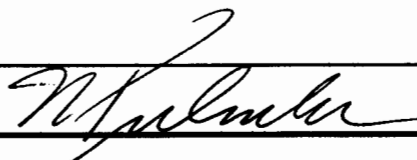
Specimen: No

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. Heathcote			X					
P. Hess			X					
J. Stanley				X				
E. Witmer					X			
R. Leberman					X			
M. Sharp				X				
TOTALS			2	3	2			
DECISION				X				

Comments: 2/5

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

1/18/03