

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) MISSISSIPPI KITE
 Subspecies, if known _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) UNKNOWN

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable) ADULT

DATE OF OBSERVATION 8-15-09 TIME 1020 HRS EST.

LOCATION (city, borough, township) KEMPTON

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) NORTH LOOKOUT (HAWK MT.)
HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY, 1700 HAWK MT. RD
KEMPTON, PA 19529

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name DAVID W HUGHES
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 City SCHUYLKILL HAVEN State PA ZIP 17972
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you) _____

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) MOUNTAIN RIDGE THAN
OVER FOREST VALLEY

DISTANCE TO BIRD 100-150 YARDS

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) SKY WAS PARTLY CLOUDY,
CLEAR/NO RAIN

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED 8.5x42 SWAROVSKI BINOS, & 20x60 SWAROVSKI SCOPE

DESCRIPTION (include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present, "jzz" = e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions, colors and patterns of plumage, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

SEE NOTE ATTACHED

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) THE FLIGHT OF BIRD WAS VERY SIMILAR TO SWALLOWS THAT WERE MIGRATING THAT DAY. RULED OUT HARRIER & PEREGRINE BECAUSE OF THIS.

VOCALIZATIONS NONE

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing X

Photographer/recorder/illustrator

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____

phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) PLUMAGE & FLIGHT VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE HARRIER OR PEREGRINE RULED OUT PEREGRINE BECAUSE OF SLOW SWALLOW LIKE FLIGHT RULED OUT MALE HARRIER BECAUSE OF FLIGHT AND NOT AS WHITISH LOOKING.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it _____

THIS BIRD STARTED HAWKING INSECTS IN FOREST VALLEY, WATCHIT CATCH DRAGONFLY'S FOR 10 MINS.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES I'VE SEEN THIS SPECIES MANY TIMES IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND ALONG TEXAS GULF COAST IN PAST 30 YRS.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES, BECAUSE OF SEEING THIS BIRD MANY TIMES IN LAST 2 YRS, THE FLIGHT PATTERN AND PLUMAGES, ALSO I'VE BEEN BIRDING (HAWK WATCHING) FOR 45 YEARS AND I'M A WILDLIFE ARTIST

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE

After observation NONE

DATE OF THIS REPORT 8-17-09

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Dave Puffly

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
North Lookout

DATE
8/15/09

11:15 AM

Unusual bird below #3 moving toward us but southwest. Long wings sometimes in a slight V shape; a lot of flapping; definitely not a turkey vulture; then I thought of a harrier because of the slight V, but it was not. I could not see field marks, but it was a light colored bird. Believed but Dave Hughes who was watching through the scope. Size was similar to a turkey vulture. Not a bird I am familiar with at Hawk Mountain.

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Further Comments to Laura

Bob said: It had very light grey color

It did not fly like harrier - flapped more quickly and turned back + forth - not straight path. - Did have slight dihedral in glide

no white rump seen - but he was unclear if he could have seen at distance it was.

Bird flew in low under #3 straight at Lookout then turned to South west or South flew on

South side of ridge -

It also did not fly like peregrine, "more loose flaps"

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis*

Date of Sighting: 15 August 2009 to 15 August 2009

County : BERKS

Location : HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY

Observer(s): David Hughes, Robert Goodheart

Date of Submission: 2009

Submitted by: David Hughes, Robert Goodheart

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
R. Wiltraut			X					
A. Guarente			X					
T. Johnson					X			
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt		X						
J. Heller			X					
G. Malosh		X						
TOTALS	1	2	3		1			
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/1

Signature (Secretary) Nick Pulcinella

Date: 7/10/10