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PORC Report for Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis*

One individual, exact age undetermined, possible adult female?

April 26, 2011

Downingtown, East Bradford Township, Pennsylvania

Harmony Hill Nature Area

Holly Merker

520 Baintree Run

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While walking through the park, I looked up and noticed a long-winged raptor soaring in a NNE direction. Noticing the shape of a kite, I was able to quickly get my camera on the bird and snap a few distant shots (attached). The bird was quite high, and seemed to ride a thermal above me, then tucked its wings back a bit and streamed SSW. I watched it until it was out of sight, and attempts to relocate were not fruitful.

Please see attached photo.

Canon 7D with 300mm plus 1.4 extender

Cropped image

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis*

Date of Sighting: 26 April 2011 to 26 April 2011

County : CHESTER

Location : EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

Observer(s): Holly Merker

Date of Submission: 2011

Submitted by: Holly Merker

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. DeReamus	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
R. Koury	X							
D. Weber	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary) Nick Pulcinella

Date: 4/25/12