
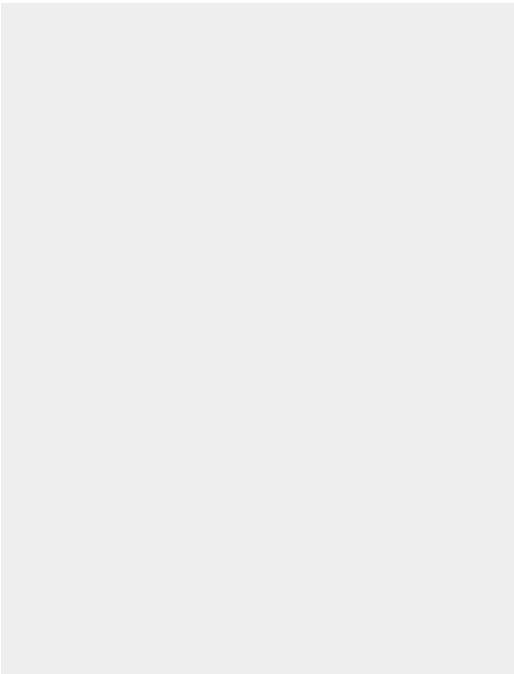


PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2014-10-13 16:54:21
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1443 Wheaton Lane City: North Wales State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19454 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Sandy White, Judy Mirabella, Louise Lehman
Species (Common Name)	Mississippi Kite
Species (Scientific Name)	Ictinia mississippiensis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Sub-adult I think
Observation Date and Time	06-13-2014 6:40 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S18790702
County	Montgomery
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Hatfield Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Oak Park Rd.
GPS coordinates of sighting	40° 15' 31.3" N 75° 17' 41.9" W
Habitat	Residential yards
Distance to bird	250 feet
Viewing conditions	Very cloudy after heavy thunderstorm.
Optical equipment used	Leica Scope
Description	Bird was found by Sandy White and was possibly present in previous days seen by her companion. She called me to come to ID the bird, but by the time I got there, she had figured it out. Lighting was terrible to see a lot of detail. It

	<p>was a pale small headed falcon like bird mostly gray in color. There was a dark eye patch. The primaries and tail looked much darker. It had a small hooked bill. There was some faint banding on the tail when I got a look during preening, some irregular white spots on the upper parts, and very faint streaking on the breast, which is why I think a sub-adult. Photos should prove the ID.</p>
<p>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</p>	<p>It was sitting at the top of a dead tree preening after the heavy rain. It was being dive bombed by Am. Robins and scolded by House Finches and Goldfinches. After about 30 minutes it took off going away from us and was quickly lost without really seeing any more details.</p>
<p>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</p>	<p>No black shoulders and grayer color with dark wings and tail eliminates White-tailed Kite.</p>
<p>Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:</p>	<p>All present were confident about the ID.</p>
<p>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>During</p>	<p>Sibley</p>
<p>After</p>	<p>Sibley</p>
<p>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Photograph</p>
<p>Upload images, audio, video or drawings</p>	 <p>Mississippi Kite (2) Hatfield, Montgomery Co., PA 6-13-14.jpg</p>



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