

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2015-04-25 09:27:57
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 239 Miller Rd Street Address Line 2: Apt 10 City: Akron State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17501 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	None
Species (Common Name)	Mississippi Kite
Species (Scientific Name)	Ictinia mississippiensis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult, sex unknown
Observation Date and Time	04-25-2015 7:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S23043568
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Akron Boro
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Loyd Roland Memorial Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.162546, -76.195261
Distance to bird	Flyover at several hundred feet.
Viewing conditions	Overcast, 1C, no wind.
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 7 10x42
Description	One flyover bird over the park headed north at 7am, spring overshoot. The bird was backlit, so I largely got profile without much coloration, but it could be observed as a dark gray. Very long, thin, pointed, wings, and long thin tail that was kept closed.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Flight only, did not soar. Lilting flap, very graceful. It bounced around a bit instead of flying in a straight line.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that	It was immediately obvious that this bird was out of place and felt wrong. I do not have prior experience with this species, but I do with Plumbeous and

will aid the committee in evaluating it:

White-tailed in Costa Rica and Swallow-tailed in Florida. I knew it was a kite, and it was just a matter of determining species.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes, everything fit beautifully.

After

Youtube for MIKI flight videos to confirm.

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