

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-06-06 20:31:55
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 49 Sentinel Rd City: Washington Crossing State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18977 Country: United States
Species (Common Name)	Mississippi Kite
Species (Scientific Name)	Ictinia mississippiensis
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	05-31-2016 10:20 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S30007504
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Washington Crossing, Upper Makefield twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	49 Sentinel Rd
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.293284, -74.891948
Habitat	Wooded suburban area near Delaware River, some nearby fields and farm land.
Distance to bird	Approximately 200 feet
Viewing conditions	sunny, 10% cloud coverage
Optical equipment used	none
Description	Fly-by overhead. By silhouette moving north relatively high for the unaided eye. Buoyant dainty bouncy almost constant wingbeat. Long tail. Very familiar with all eastern raptors. Ruled out peregrine - not sturdy, harrier - wings not held in V and not bulky, and not a Cooper's hawk because it did not exhibit flight style of flap, flap glide. Wings not bowed back or down like Osprey or gulls. Viewed for approximately 3 minutes.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird was not soaring or hunting. It was continuously beating its wings and moving northward.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	See above.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

I am an experienced hawk watcher. I have been an official counter at both the Fire Island and Hook Mountain, NY Hawk Watches since 1985. I have experience observing Mississippi Kites in Veracruz, Mexico in the late 1990s.

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

I am very confident of my observation. Mississippi Kites are fairly distinctive in their shape and manner, and though I have somewhat limited experience observing them, I have extensive expertise with North American raptors in general.

During

none

After

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