

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2019-06-29 12:54:36
Observer's Name	Bobby Brown
E-mail	bobbybrown1011@gmail.com
Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	David Brown
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
Observation Date and Time	06-28-2019 7:10 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S57768638
County	Lycoming
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Montoursville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Tennis Courts at McCall Middle School
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.256735, -76.905103
Habitat	Residential
Description	Generally gray raptor, almost gull-like flapping, very short outermost primary, banded tail narrow at base and flared at tip. Photos show diagnostic characteristics of the species.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	I spotted it while we were playing tennis as it was flying relatively low over the middle school. It flew almost directly away from us for a time and then started soaring, at which point I was able to get photos. It tried to grab a dragonfly (or something) at least once with a sudden swoop down. Flew off to the southeast.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	David has prior experience with the species from Braddock Bay when he was counting there this spring. My photos should be plenty sufficient for identification purposes.

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

Yes, diagnostic photos

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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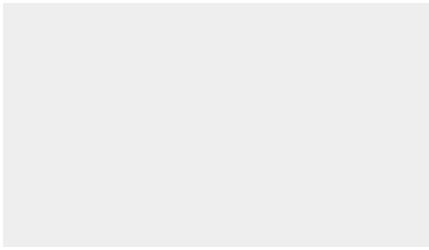


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