

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2020-09-01 09:05:54
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Observer's Address	255 N. 6th Street Columbia PA 17512 United States
Species (Common Name)	Mississippi Kite
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	subadult
Observation Date and Time	05-20-2019 3:40 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S56550131
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Columbia
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Chickies Rock County Park, Breezyview Overlook
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.042155, -76.516492
Habitat	river hills, overlook
Distance to bird	high overhead, but visible to naked eye
Viewing conditions	clear
Optical equipment used	Swarovski 8x50mm
Description	Bird flew in on steady WNW winds, naked eye view: appeared white with dark wing tips, optic view noted dark tail bands and dark trailing edge to wings. Circled once and kept moving toward NE. Photos taken.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Flying high on prevailing winds, circled once when overhead, then sailed to NE, did not flap.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Familiar with species. Tapered wings, tailbands and flight style distinguished it from a high-flying NOHA and any eastern buteo species.

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

Yes. Nothing looks like a subadult MIKI in eastern USA

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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