

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

Nick Pulcinella, Secretary
Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
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West Chester, PA 19380
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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Broad-winged Hawk - *Buteo platypterus*
Subspecies (if known) _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) Unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): adults

DATE OF OBSERVATION Feb. 8, 2004 TIME 2:50 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Hempfield Twp., Westmoreland Co.

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Matt Shields Rd, near Luxer, PA

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Leonard E. Hess
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City Stahlstown State PA ZIP 15687-1100
e-mail (optional) lhess@lhc.net phone (optional) 724-593-3236

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

Linda E. Hess

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) snow-covered agricultural field

DISTANCE TO BIRD 50-75 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) Clear, bright sun behind us.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED binoculars - Bausch & Lomb Discoverer 10x42 for both observers

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

Small buteo, dark brown back - no obvious markings on back, dark brown rounded head, beak yellow with dark tip, chin and throat white, breast white with reddish streaking, abdomen white with very little streaking, tail short with alternate black and white bands of equal width. Perched in a hunched position.

When flying, underside of wings very whitish, primaries black-tipped, trailing edges dark. Wings short and broad.

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Bird was perched in tree when first seen by Linda. Flew to fence post where we IDed it. It then flew to another fence post above us to our left, then flew behind us and was mobbed by a small group of crows. It landed briefly in tree by farm house, then was ~~crow~~-driven over the hill and out of sight by the crows.

VOCALIZATIONS

None

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

Due to size, only other possibility was Red-shouldered Hawk. No red markings on shoulders - no heavy reddish streakings on belly or underwings, no white streaking on upper wings, white and black tail bands were equal in width. Observers are familiar with both species.

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

Both observers very familiar with both Broadwing and Redshoulder, including both light and dark RS, in eastern U.S.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not)

Yes. Observations were conducted in good light, both perched and flying, at fairly close range, for at least ten minutes.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation Peterson "Eastern Birds" and Sibley "Birds of N. America" 2nd Edition
After observation above plus Peterson "Hawks of N. America" and Sibley "Guide to Birds"

DATE OF THIS REPORT: Feb 18, 2004

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER: Leonard P. Hess

Linda P. Hess

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Broad-winged Hawk (Buteo platyterus)

Date of Sighting: 8 February 2004 to 8 February 2004

Location: HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP

County : WESTMORELAND

Observer(s): Len Hess, Linda Hess

Date of Submission: 2004

Submitted by: Len Hess

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

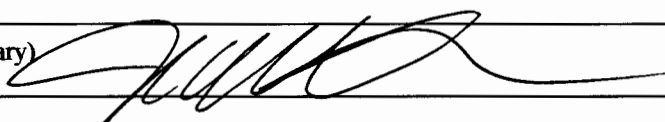
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
D. Heathcote			X					
P. Guris			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
R. Leberman <i>AGruner</i>			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			6					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

7/2/06