

PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2015-04-25 09:27:57
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 239 Miller Rd Street Address Line 2: Apt 10 City: Akron State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17501 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	None
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Mississippi Kite
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Ictinia mississippiensis
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult, sex unknown
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	04-25-2015 7:00 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S23043568">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S23043568</a>
<b>County</b>	Lancaster
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Akron Boro
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Loyd Roland Memorial Park
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.162546, -76.195261
<b>Distance to bird</b>	Flyover at several hundred feet.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Overcast, 1C, no wind.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Nikon Monarch 7 10x42
<b>Description</b>	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.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Flight only, did not soar. Lifting flap, very graceful. It bounced around a bit instead of flying in a straight line.
<b>Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that</b>	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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