

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-06-06 20:31:55
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 49 Sentinel Rd City: Washington Crossing State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18977 Country: United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Mississippi Kite
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Ictinia mississippiensis
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-31-2016 10:20 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=S30007504">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S30007504</a>
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Washington Crossing, Upper Makefield twp.
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	49 Sentinel Rd
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.293284, -74.891948
<b>Habitat</b>	Wooded suburban area near Delaware River, some nearby fields and farm land.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	Approximately 200 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	sunny, 10% cloud coverage
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	none
<b>Description</b>	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.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Bird was not soaring or hunting. It was continuously beating its wings and moving northward.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	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**

none

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