

# WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

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Species: MISSISSIPPI KITE Number: (leave blank)                       
Location: MORGAN COUNTY / HEDGESVILLE Date: JULY 2, 2017 Time: 7:55 am  
Bird Seen: 7:55 am To: ABOUT 8:03 am Age/Sex:                     

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

MEDIUM SIZE, ROUND LT. GREY / WHITE HEAD, RED EYES TRIMMED WITH BLACK, YELLOW / ORANGE FEET, DARKER GREY POINTED WINGS, BLACK TAIL

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

LIGHT GREY TO WHITE HEAD AND CHEST  
DARKER GREY WINGS WITH WHITE STRIPE AND WHITE SPOTS  
BLACK TAIL

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

NONE

Description of behavior:

ESCAPED FROM CROW HARRASSMENT AND LANDED IN A DEAD ASH TREE. WAS STILL EXCEPT FOR HEAD MOVEMENTS FOR ABOUT 2 1/2 MINUTES. FLEW TO AN OAK TREE AND PREENED FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES BEFORE FLYING OUT OF SIGHT.

Habitat: (General and Specific)

WOODED EDGE OF PARTIALLY CLEARED OLD PASTURE.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

FIRST OBSERVED FLYING FROM WOODS AND LANDING ABOUT 30 FEET FROM OUR HOUSE IN A DEAD ASH TREE. SUN WAS STILL RISING AND THE LIGHT WAS ON THE BIRD'S LEFT SIDE. FLEW TO AN OAK TREE ABOUT 200 FT. AWAY IN FULL SUN. THE BIRD WAS OBSERVED WHILE WE WERE INSIDE THE HOUSE WITH BINOCULARS AND FILMED WITH ZOOM ON A PANASONIC VIDEO CAMERA.

Previous experience with this species:

NONE - NEW BIRD FOR US.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

WE HAVE ONLY HAD RAPTOR EXPERIENCES IN OUR YARD WITH:  
RED TAIL HAWKS  
RED-SHOULDERED HAWKS  
COOPERS HAWKS  
SHARP-SHINNED HAWKS

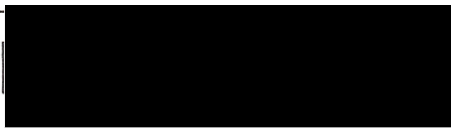
Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

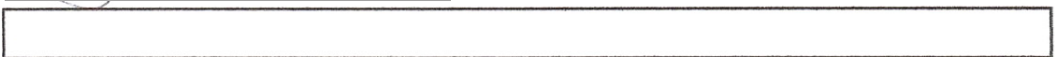
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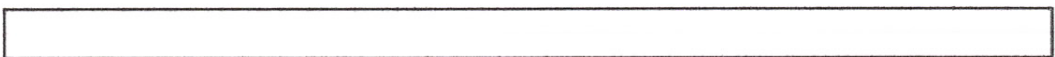
Additional observer signature:



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Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA  
CROSSLEY GUIDE TO RAPTORS  
THE SIBLEY GUIDE  
CORNELL SIGHT ON INTERNET  
THESE GUIDES REINFORCED A POSITIVE ID.

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

TWENTY-ONE DAYS

Name:

MARY LYNN ROBINSON

Address:

Date:

JULY 23, 2017

Signature:

**Video provided by Mary Lynn Robinson at:**

**<http://natureimagesandsounds.com/assets/Mississippi%20Kite%2020170702%20combined.mov>**

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