**Species:** Swallow-tailed Kite  
**Number:** (leave blank)  
**Location:** Red Sulfur Springs, Monroe Co  
**Date:** 7/5/19  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Bird Seen:** 1:00 pm  
**To:** 1:20 pm  
**Age/Sex:** Adult  

**Structure:** (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)  
- Smaller than nearby Turkeys  
- Deeply forked tail  
- Long wings  
- Black and white in color  

**Plumage:** (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)  
- Forked black tail  
- White head and body (underside)  
- Back edge of wings black  
- Later views at eye level I could see black on back  

**Description of any vocalizations, if heard:**  
none  

**Description of behavior:**  
Flow similar to a swallow, making large circles. At one point reached a foot out to seem to catch and eat something in flight entire time.
Habitat: (General and Specific)
Roadside
Narrow margin of vegetation along sides of road. Brush to trees of 40'-So'.
East side hayfields & farms along Indian Creek. West side, rolling hay
fields. Some openings in vegetation for access to hay fields & farms.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)
8x40 b. n. N. D., La.
Sky partly cloudy but good sun on the bird. 1st view bird was about 50' above truck but black & white coloring plus long
wings & forked tail obvious against blue sky with bare eyes. Even though I was driving, I saw bird.

Additional views ranged from about eye level or higher.

Previous experience with this species:
Life bird for Judy
I saw the one in Elwood Wayne Co. 8/27/07

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)
To quote Sibley "Unmistakable"

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.

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

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

Had Sibley guide with us.
At home looked at "Raptors" National Geographic, Crossley

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

Went through details in my head as driving home.
Wrote them down about an hour after seeing the bird.

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Bird was on east side at Rt. 12 just north of Red Sulphur Springs and the pumpkin farm. After we saw it, we found a place to turn around. Came back parked at jet of Rt. 12 and Imaginotion Farm lane. Sighted bird behind a trailer on east side of Rt. 12.

Watched it for 10 minutes or so. Then it headed north, we followed by having sight of it through the trees. Parked at opening to a hay field and watched it the rest of the time. It went behind some trees. We waited 10-15 and didn't see it again.