

Mississippi Kite

Unanimously Accepted 7-0

Committee Member Comments:

CM1: Description and video show a Mississippi Kite.

CM2: Fantastic documentation of this rare visitor to the state! The video is excellent documentation and eliminates any other likely confounder. All salient field marks are visible. The bird is seen preening so an excellent case can be made that there is no plumage wear associated with captivity. The legs and talons are easily visible and reveal no banding or jesses, not that MIKI is a common falconry bird as far as I am aware. Therefore, with neither identification nor provenance an issue, a vote FOR acceptance of this report is warranted in my opinion. Excellent work by the observers to document this bird! The date is somewhat interesting for a migrant and makes one consider the possibility of a local breeder or failed breeding pair.

CM3: Good description and amazing documentary video. The video eliminated any other possible species. The timing of the recorded also fits with an established pattern of vagrancy for this species.

CM4: Good description, video appears to substantiate the sighting.

CM5: Conclusive video evidence.

CM6: I vote to include the Mississippi Kite on the state record. I believe that the report has enough detail and photographic evidence to be included on the state list. The observer did not have previous experience MIKI, but the video submitted provides excellent photographic documentation to identify the bird. This bird would be the fourth record on the Review List.

CM7: Proof doesn't get much clearer. Great video evidence.