

UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Common Name: *MISSISSIPPI KITE* Scientific Name: *ICTINIA MISSISSIPPIENSIS*Date: *NOV-2, 1990* Time: *1130 AM* Length of time observed: *40-45 MINUTES*Number: *1* Age: Sex:Location: *T. 42S-15W - SECTION 34 SUB-SECTION-12 -
ST. GEORGE-WASHINGTON FIELDS - (L.D.S. CITIZEN FARM)*Lat/long: Elevation: *2800 FT.*Distance to bird: *200 - 100 YRS.* Light conditions: *BRIGHT*Optical equipment: *10X50^{PM} BINOCULARS - 15-60^{PM} SPOTTING SCOPE*Weather: *CLEAR & BRIGHT*

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

*PHOTOS INCLUDED (ENCLOSED) (WHICH-EVER)**THE WHITE^{LIGHT} HEAD & CHEST.**DARK AREA AROUND THE EYE -**DARK WINGS & TAIL -**BRIGHT-ORANGE-RED LEGS & FEET.**ALSO THE COLOR UNDER THE WINGS IN FLIGHT*

Voice or call notes: *NONE*

Behavior: —

Habitat: *FARMING AREA -*

Describe what specific features you saw or heard that caused you to reach your conclusion:
COLOR - BODY - WINGS, TAIL - EYES + LEGS + FEET.

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

*BLACK SHOULDERED KITE - DIFFERENCE
IN WING MARKINGS*

What experience have you had with this and similar species: *NONE*

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
*NAT. GEOGRAPHIC BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA - PETERSON FIELD GUIDE
TO HAWKS & WESTERN BIRDS - GOLDEN BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA*

Significance of record in this area or the state: -

Additional material (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording in available):

Observer: *W. NEAL STEPHENS*

Signature: *W. Neal Stephens*

Address: *PO BOX 152, WASHINGTON, UTAH 84780*

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

BOB DOUGLAS - ST. GEORGE BLM.

Date prepared: *NOV. 5, 1990*

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