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APPENDIX V
UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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Lat/long _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name White tailed (Black shouldered) Kite

Weather at time of this observation.

Scientific Name Elanus leucurusClear, full sun, bright - HOTObs. date 13 June '87 Time(s) 5:00 p.m.Duration of obs. 4 minutes (?)

Prior weather and number of days since change

Distance from bird 150 feet to 100 yardsSame - perhaps 4 days since rain.Light conditions Sunny, bright-Optical equip. Binoculars - 7X35

Photo equip. _____

Notes made at time of sighting _____

Date report prepared

Notes made later from memory X22 June 87

Locality On Pony Express trail road, aprx. 5 miles west of junction with U-36, descending from Lookout Pass, road is aprx. 50 to 100 ft below ridge line (west fork of road)
Lat/long block number _____

Enter number of birds in each category.

GENDER(S)

AGES(S)

PLUMAGE(S)

PHOTO(S)

Total number observed.

Males ?Adults 1

Breeding _____ Transition _____

Available NO

Females _____

Juv/Imms _____

Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____

Enclosed _____

♀ or Imms _____

2/3 yr birds _____

Winter _____ Light ph. _____

Unknowns _____

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Other _____

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

Bird caught my attention because it was hovering, but its' color was almost startling - entire body except for wings was extremely light (white?). ... only dark area visible were wing primaries and dark area - almost like an eye (fang) on bend of wing - (visible when bird soared) Bird swooped and soared after hovering below ridge line. then swooped along ridge and out of sight.
Wing spread estimated at 3 feet.

I recall saying "Holy cow! Look at that!" as I stopped car and jumped out for a better view.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None (except red eyes), too distant

Variations from expected field marks.

none -

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Prairie Falcon - at range bird was observed the bars on tail and wing mottling would have been visible, also color was totally wrong. Tail of Prairie Falcon is rounded - kite's is slightly flared at end - Prairie Falcon has dark colorization in wings area close to body instead of outer area of wing

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

First observed bird as it was hovering - (one of my joys of birding is watching Kestrels)
No other species seen in vicinity

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Sage - higher up there is Juniper and Scrub oak
Dry, desert type area - there is, however, rather marshy areas about 5 to 7 miles away.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

none heard

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Saw this bird several years ago
in California.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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