

Dear Phil DuMont: <sup>PAD</sup>

Here is the record of a Swallow-tailed Kite made by a young fellow at Davenport. He is one of our Junior Members, so must be under 16 years (and probably inexperienced).

I am submitting the "evidence" to see what you think about it. Does it sound like a valid record to you, i. e., a sight record that will hold water in the future?

I am inclined to think that he might have seen something else and jumped at conclusions. If we bury the record it will never do any harm. If we publish it, I want to have the opinion of a good Iowa ornithologist on it before it is published. What do you think about it? Give me your very frank opinion and I'll be very grateful. The young fellow is totally unknown to me, so I don't know whether he is a good field observer or not.

Sincerely,

*Fred Rice*

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