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Clive, Polk Co., IA

#Kent, *Pinkston

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PHOTOGRAPH

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 62:75

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VOTE: 6 A-D, 1 A-P

A-D, Photo available later.

A-D, Identifying marks of a Mississippi Kite were described.

REVOTE: 7 A-P

A-P, A great photo of a Mississippi Kite.



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Species: Mississippi Kite, Ictinia mississippiensis

Date: 23 May 1992, 1 p.m.

Location: Clive, Polk Co., Iowa. Same bird observed by many others and photographed by Tom Kent.

Other Observers: Tom Kent

Description: Perched on treetop branch in residential setting. Slightly smaller than crow. Elongate profile with long, pointed wings. Round head, small bill. Pale gray head and breast gradually darkening to black on hindparts. Thin black mask around eye. Faint pale gray bar formed by secondaries on folded wing. Black tail with shallow notch.

Conditions: Overcast, cool. Observed 5 minutes from 30 meters with Zeiss 10x40 binoculars.

Similar Species: Really unmistakable perched at such close range. Black-shouldered Kite (Elanus caeruleus) basically a white bird with a white tail, much less likely in Iowa.

Previous Experience: Over 10 years' experience with both kites as migrants and breeders on the Texas coast.

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