

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
Report Form

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1. **English and Scientific names:** *Castel caracara* (*Polyborus plancus*)
2. **Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage** (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. **Locality:** LOUISIANA: Calcasieu
(parish)
along ~~Green~~ Charly Moss Rd
(specific locality)
4. **Date(s) when observed:** 1/20/88
5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** morning
6. **Reporting observer and address:** Karen Fay
 732 Wordsworth Dr
 Baton Rouge, LA 70810
7. **Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):**
 Joe Kleiman
8. **Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):**
9. **Light conditions** (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): partly cloudy to overcast
10. **Optical equipment** (type, power, condition): none
11. **Distance to bird(s):** ? several hundred feet
12. **Duration of observation:** several seconds
13. **Habitat:** scrubby open fields

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
seen flying across the road in front of our car
15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, *not* what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): Black bird (flying like a crow, but larger) with white patches on ends of wings, head/chest & tail.
16. **Voice:** N/A
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
No other dark bird has the white patches essentially at all ends of the bird.
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):
19. **Previous experience with this species:** ^(crested) seen caracaras in TX, NM, Costa Rica & Mexico (Sonora just last Nov.)
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: N/A - recognized profile from past study of field guides
b. after observation:
21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation (___ notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___);
___ memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification If not, explain: yes
23. **Signature of reporter:** Lu R 5/5/98
(date) (time)

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1. English and Scientific names: CRESTED CARACARA (Polyborus planci)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: CALCASIEU
CHARLIE MOSS RD. ~ 3^{PAR 3} MI, EAST OF GUM COVE RD.
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: JANUARY 20, 1998
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~ 3:30 PM
6. Reporting observer and address:
JOSEPH P. KLEIMAN
15913 MALVERN HILL
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
KAREN FAY
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
OTHER OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN SEEING CARACARAS
IN THIS GENERAL AREA.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): WE WERE DRIVING EAST WHEN BIRD FLEW
ACROSS THE ROAD TO THE NORTH - SUN AT OUR REAR
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
ZEISS 10X40 - GOOD
11. Distance to bird(s):
75 - 150 YDS
12. Duration of observation:
~ 30 SECONDS
13. Habitat:
MOSTLY OPEN FIELDS

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
THE BIRD WAS FLYING NORTH, PERPENDICULAR ROAD
15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): A BIG-HEADED, LONG-TAILED HAWK - LARGE WHITE PATCHES AT END OF WINGS WHITISH TAIL WITH DARK TERMINAL BAND - DARK CAP WITH WHITE THROAT AND NECK - DARK WINGS AND BODY - IT HAD A DISTINCTIVE FLIGHT SO THAT EVEN BEFORE WE SAW THE WHITE WING PATCHES & TAIL, WE KNEW IT WAS A CARACARA.
16. **Voice:** NOT HEARD
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
NONE THAT LOOK LIKE THIS
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):
NONE
19. **Previous experience with this species:**
I HAVE SEEN MANY TIMES ~~ANYWHERE~~ IN THIS SPECIES
TEXAS, CHILE, ARGENTINA (VERY COMMON IN THESE COUNTRIES) AND ONCE IN LA
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: NONE
b. after observation: NONE
21. **This description is written from:** ___ notes made during the observation (___ notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___);
 memory.
22. **Are you positive of your identification if not, explain:**
YES
23. **Signature of reporter:** Joseph P. Klerman 1/22/98 9:30 PM
(date) (time)