

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the LBRC Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or this format when submitting records for review (to assure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to: LBRC Secretary, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and scientific name: CRESTED CARACARA (*Polyborus plancus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1
3. Locality: LOUISIANA CALCASIEU
state parish
FABACHER RD, ~ 1 MILE NORTH OF LA-108
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: DECEMBER 26, 1998
5. Times of day when seen: ~ 8:00 A.M.
6. Reporting observer and address: JOSEPH KLEIMAN
15913 MALVERN HILL
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
DAVE ROARK
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
NONE
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): GOOD
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
ZEISS 10X40-GOOD
11. Distance to bird: ~ 200 YDS
12. Duration of observation:
~ 1/2 MINUTE
13. Habitat:
SHRUBBY FIELD WITH SCATTERED TREES
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):
DIDN'T SEE BIRD UNTIL A RED-TAILED HAWK FLUSHED IT FROM ITS PERCH AS IT LANDED IN THE SAME TREE.

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

LARGE RAPTOR WITH A BIG-HEADED, BIG-BILLED, LONG-TAILED
LOOK - HEAD HAD A DARK CROWN WITH WHITE CHEEK - LONG,
ROUNDED, DARK WINGS WITH LARGE WHITE PATCHES AT ENDS -
DARK BODY -
LONG TAIL, WHITE WITH LARGE, BLACK TERMINAL BAND

16. Voice:

NOT HEARD

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

NOTHING LOOKS LIKE THIS IN THE U.S.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

NONE

19. Previous experience with this species:

EXTENSIVE

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation: NONE

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; _____ notes made after observation (date: _____); memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? YES. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: Joseph P. Kleiman

24. Date and time of writing this account:

1/1/99, 9:00 PM