

Louisiana Ornithological Society's  
LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Rare Bird Report Form

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

1. English and Scientific names: CRESTED CARACARA, *Polyborus plancus*
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 1
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; CAMERON  
(parish)  
ENTRANCE TO RUTHERFORD BEACH  
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 24 APRIL 1999
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:35 AM, CDT
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):  
DAVE ROARK
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
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(s):  
50 FEET
12. Duration of observation:  
~ 20 SECONDS OR LESS

13. Habitat: HOUSES, SHRUBBY GROWTH
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):  
FLYING TO WEST
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; if possible, give details on 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. Attach additional pages as necessary):  
A LARGE BIRD OF PREY WITH LARGE WHITE PATCHES AT END OF WINGS, BIRD WAS LARGE BILLED, LARGE HEADED, DARK BACK, WINGS (EXCEPT FOR WHITE PATCHES), BELLY, LIGHTER TAIL WITH DARK TERMINAL BAND - DARK CAP, WHITE FACE & THROAT
16. Voice: NOT HEARD
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):  
NONE
19. Previous experience with this species:  
SEEN LOTS IN TEXAS, CHILE & ARGENTINA - ALSO SEEING THEM MORE OFTEN, RECENTLY IN LOUISIANA
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
a. at time of observation: NONE  
b. after observation:
21. This description is written from: \_\_\_ notes made during the observation; \_\_\_ notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_);  memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)?: YES
23. Signature of reporter: Joseph P. Klerman 5/6/99  
(date)