

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, *Caracara planens*
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 1
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; CAMERON
(parish)
JUST NORTH OF LACASSINE POOL
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed:
3 DECEMBER 2000
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
~ 9:15 AM, CST
6. Reporting observer and address:
JOSEPH 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):
NONE THAT I KNOW OF.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): BIRD IN GOOD LIGHT AS IT FLEW PAST TO THE WEST OF US
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
ZEISS, 10 X 40 BINOC., GOOD COND.
11. Distance to bird(s):
~ 75 YDS.
12. Duration of observation:
~ 30 SEC.

13. Habitat: WET, LOW GRASSY AREA NORTH OF LACASSINE POOL
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):
BIRD WAS FLYING TO NORTH, IT WAS APPARENTLY HUNTING
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, LONG-HEADED AND LONG-TAILED, IT HAD A DARK CAP, WHITE CHEEKS, THROAT & NECK, PREDOMINANTLY DARK UNDERNEATH FROM BELLY TO TAIL, TAIL APPEARED WHITISH WITH DARK TERMINAL BAND, WINGS WERE LONG & ROUNDED WITH WHITISH PATCHES AT END OF WING, IT HAD A LARGE BILL WITH A REDDISH CERE, WINGS HELD IN SLIGHTLY CROOKED POSITION AS IT FLEW
16. Voice: NOT HEARD
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):
NO OTHERS COME TO MIND
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
NONE (NO CHANCE)
19. Previous experience with this species:
EXTENSIVE EXP. IN TEXAS, ARIZONA, LA, & S. AMERICA
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 made after the observation (date: ___); memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain?):
YES
23. Signature of reporter: Joseph P. Kleiman 3 DEC 2000
(date)