

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: NORTHERN CARACARA, Caracara cheriway
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 2 ADULTS
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: CALCASIEU
(parish)
~ 1 MILE NORTH OF LA 108 ON FABACHER ROAD
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed:
6 JANUARY 2001
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
~ 7:30-7:35 AM
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, KEITH ANDERSON
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
NONE THAT I KNOW
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): BIRDS WERE TO THE EAST BUT WE COULD SEE THEM WELL
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
(GOOD) ZEISS 10X40 & LEICA TELEVID, 20X60 ZOOM (EXCELLENT)
11. Distance to bird(s):
~ 500 YDS.
12. Duration of observation:
~ 5 MINUTES

13. Habitat: FIELD WITH SCATTERED TREES
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):
BIRDS WERE SITTING TOGETHER IN A BARE TREE - DID NOT FLY
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):
(1) LARGE BIRDS OF PREY - DARK CAP, WHITE CHEEK AND THROAT, DARK BODY AND WINGS - LARGE BILL, BIG-HEADED LOOK, LONG LEGS - DISTINCTIVE PROFILE
(2) BIRD WAS FLYING LOW OVER FIELD CLOSE TO ROAD - BIG-HEADED - LONG-NECKED, LONG-TAILED - HEAVY BILL, DARK CAP, WHITE CHEEK & THROAT - DARK BELLY & DARK WINGS WITH LARGE WHITE WING TIPS - WHITISH TAIL WITH DARK TERMINAL BAND - BIRD FLEW AWAY FROM US AND LANDED IN AN EVERGREEN WHERE IT COULD NOT BE SEEN UNLESS YOU KNEW WHERE IT LANDED,
16. Voice: NOT HEARD
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):
NONE IN NORTH AMERICA
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
TOO FAR AWAY
19. Previous experience with this species:
EXTENSIVE IN TEXAS, ARIZONA, & LOUISIANA
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 2/18/01
(date)

ON 2/17 JOANNE & I SAW A CARACARA IN SAME GENERAL AREA, SEE (2) IN ITEM 15 ABOVE. WE SAW THE BIRD A LITTLE AFTER 9:00 AM