

## Louisiana Ornithological Society

## Bird Records Committee

## Report Form

**Species:** Crested Caracara, *Caracara cheriway*

**Number:** 2; 1 adult and 1 sub-adult?

**Locality:** Goose Island, Cameron Parish, Lacassine-Thornwell CBC

**Date:** December 14, 2001

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Reporter:** David P. Muth,  
1617 Charlton Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

**With Reporter:** B. Mac Myers

**Other Observers:** none

**Light:** good; late afternoon, slanted sunlight

**Optics:** Swarovski 10x50

**Distance:** 100 feet at closest

**Duration:** 5 minutes

**Habitat:** fallow rice fields and levees

**Behavior:** two birds, perched on the ground or a levee, took several fairly short flights when disturbed, appeared to be foraging on ground; carrying prey?

**Description:**

See photos. Large upright raptors with long legs, long necks.

One bird looked to be an adult: black back and wings with white primaries, white tail with black barring and black terminal band. Black belly, white undertail coverts, barred upper breast, white throat, cheeks and nape, black cap. Prominent orange-red cere, long hooked gray bill.



I did not fully process it at the time, but while the other bird showed the same overall pattern, its white areas were clearly buffy, and its black areas showed brown overtones.

**Voice:** not heard

**Similar Species:** none, really

**Photos/Videos/Recordings:** photos attached

**Previous Experience:** a few in Texas, once or twice previously in Louisiana

**Aids:** none at the time

**Circumstances of Description:**

Written from memory and while examining photos.

**Confidence Level:** I am certain of the identification.

**Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Muth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**David P. Muth**

**Date:** December 19, 2001





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Cameron Parish, LA

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David F. Whitte



Northern Cassians

George Boyer  
Canaan Ranch, Co.

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David M. Clark



Northern Caracaras

Geese Bayou

Cameras Painted, Ca.

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