

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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 assure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach photocopy of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include complete series of photos for more 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. (If you use this form as a computer template; please submit on archival quality = 100% cotton paper.)

1. English and Scientific names: Crested Caracara (Caracara cheriway)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage: 1 adult

3. Locality: Calcasieu Parish; Corbina Rd. 1/2 mile S Tom Stegal Rd
30.09°N, 93.16°W

4. Date(s) when observed: 27 April 2002

5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~ 10:30am

6. Reporting observer and address: Jason Wlockstein, LSUMNS, 119 Foster Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): Chris Wittz
Dann Lane

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

9. Light conditions: Front lit

10. Optical equipment: Zeiss 10x40 BGA (CW had Swarovski 10x40)

11. Distance to bird(s): ~ 50 yards

12.) Duration of observation: 2 minutes

13.) Habitat: Cow pasture with hedge

14.) Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation: The bird was loping
over the pasture & was being chased by
a grackle

15.) Description: Before noticing the distinctive coloration of the plumage, I noticed this bird's distinctive flight profile with long tail, long neck & long broad wings. The bird flew with slow wing beats. The bird had a dark cap, wings, belly & mantle were blackish & wing tips had a large white patch. The tail was ^{broad} whitish w/ a broad blackish band.

16.) Voice: N/A

17.) Similar species and how they were eliminated: No other Falconiform or Accipitrid birds ^{in North America} have a shape anything like Crested Caracara, The dark cap & white wing flashes are diagnostic also.

18.) Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): None

19.) Previous experience with this species: All three of us have seen Crested Caracara in LA, TX as well as in Central or South America.

21.) Identification aids:

a. at time of observation: None used

b. after observation: None used.

22.) This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation; _____ notes made (immediately) after the observation (date: _____); or X memory. Please attach copy of field notes.

23.) Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

24.) Signature of reporter: J. H. [Signature] 30 April 2002 (date) (time)

I agree with the above description 100%,
Chinn C. Winters 7 May 02

I agree with above description Darwin [Signature] 12 May 02