

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 (3)
2. (3) Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"):
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; JEFFERSON DAVIS
SOUTH OF LA 14 - CUT RICE FIELDS
1/2 MIL SOUTH OF LA 14 (parish)
3/10 OF A MIL WEST OF #356 LA (specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 16 DEC 02
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:00 PM.
6. Reporting observer and address: GWEN SMALLEY - 88 EGRET ST N.D. LA 70124
CURT BORRELLS
DAN PURRINGTON
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): ABOVE
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): ABOVE
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): GOOD - SUN BEHIND US. (NOON)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): ZEISS 10
11. Distance to bird(s): (1) 100 yards to (2) 200
12. Duration of observation: 5-10 MIN

13. Habitat: RICE FIELDS - SOUTH OF HWY 14
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):
SAW ONE FLYING, SAW IT WAS A CARCARIA THEN SAW 2 MORE
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):
NEAR BY.

Dark Bird was flying over rice field at first. I thought, red tail hawk, because it was hawk looking. Then I saw it was black with large white, rounded, wing spots. The head was white ~~head~~ + black crest. Tail was white also. Beak was large with red ~~beak~~ cere. It landed on levee of mud as we watched two others flew in.

16. Voice: NONE
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?): Red tail Hawk
18. NO Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
19. Previous experience with this species: Texas, Mexico (lots)
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: NONE
b. after observation: Sibley
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: Gwen Smalley
(date)