

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 pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all 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.

1. English and Scientific names: **Crested Caracara, *Caracara plancus***

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 - adult

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) Calcasue Parish

Specific Locality: Fabacher Road, @ 3 miles SW of Sulpher. Traditional sighting location on Odem Estate from the road. Settled into the tree surrounding the ponds near the pine tree grove west of the road.

4. Date(s) when observed: ~~4-28-02~~ **4-27-02**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: @ 11:00 AM

6. Reporting observer and address: Dave Patton, 122 Memory Lane, Lafayette, LA 70502

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *Identified* the bird(s): Paul Conover

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

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
excellent, bright sun to our backs

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):
¼ mile, watched it fly from the east side of the road to the west side.

12. Duration of observation:
5 minutes

13. Habitat:
open fallow fields and tree boundaries

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The following information was obtained from a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past. It is being furnished to you for your information only. It is not to be disseminated outside your office.

On 10/15/54, the source advised that [redacted] had been observed at [redacted] on 10/12/54. The source stated that [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted]. The source further advised that [redacted] was observed in the company of [redacted] on 10/13/54.

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The source also advised that [redacted] was observed at [redacted] on 10/14/54. The source stated that [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted]. The source further advised that [redacted] was observed in the company of [redacted] on 10/15/54.

The source also advised that [redacted] was observed at [redacted] on 10/16/54. The source stated that [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted]. The source further advised that [redacted] was observed in the company of [redacted] on 10/17/54.

The source also advised that [redacted] was observed at [redacted] on 10/18/54. The source stated that [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted]. The source further advised that [redacted] was observed in the company of [redacted] on 10/19/54.

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14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Found in the air flying an undulating soar and glide course in a strong cross wind. Watched it cover about a mile from east to west and disappear into the wooded border of some ponds that sit about 1/2 mile to the west of the road. This is the same location that I saw one about 4 years ago, and that people have been reporting them from for several years.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: 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):

Seen in flight only. Dark black raptor with distinct white patches at the base of the outer primaries. The base of the tail was also white with a black terminal band. The breast was white and wrapped around the nape. The crown was dark and the bill was reddish.

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Vultures, the black and white pattern of the wings and body were distinctly Crested Caracara.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

None

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have seen a few in Texas and LA

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

None

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: Dave Patton Date: ⁴⁻²⁸⁻⁰²~~4-29-02~~ Time: 7:00 AM

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. The text also mentions the need for regular audits to ensure the integrity of the financial data.

In the second section, the author details the various methods used for data collection and analysis. It describes how primary data is gathered through direct observation and interviews, while secondary data is obtained from existing sources. The text further explains the statistical techniques employed to interpret the results, including regression analysis and correlation studies.

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The final part of the document provides a comprehensive summary of the findings and conclusions. It highlights the key insights derived from the research and offers practical recommendations for future studies. The author concludes by expressing gratitude to the participants and the research team for their contributions.