

Louisiana Ornithological Society's

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1. English and Scientific names: CRESTED CARACARA
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: CALCASIEU
(parish)
EAST OF LA 27, SOUTH OF LIONEL DEROUEN RD
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 28 FEBRUARY 2004
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~ 11:00 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):
NONE
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
NONE
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): HIGH CLOUDS, LIGHT GOOD, BIRD EAST OF WHERE I WAS
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
ZEISS 10X40
11. Distance to bird(s):
~ 150-200 YDS
12. Duration of observation:
15-30 SECONDS
13. Habitat:
PASTURE, COWS PRESENT

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
 BIRD WAS FLYING WITH TURKEY VULTURES - PERHAPS THERE WAS A CARCASS OR PERHAPS AFTER BIRTHS FROM THE COWS IN THE AREA
15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: 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):
 A LARGE BIRD OF PREY THOUGH SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER THAN THE TVs PRESENT. DARK, LONG WINGS WITH WHITE PATCHES AT END OF WING - TAIL, LONG AND WHITISH WITH DARK TERMINAL BAND - DARK MANTLE - GAVE A LARGE HEADED, LONG-TAILED LOOK - BIRD STARTED TO FLY TO EAST AT ABOUT THE TIME I NOTICED IT. I DIDN'T NOTICE HEAD PATTERN - BIRD IS ALL FIELD MARK IN FLIGHT.
16. **Voice:** NOT HEARD
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
 THERE ARE NONE IN THIS COUNTRY
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):
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19. **Previous experience with this species:**
 EXTENSIVE (LA, TX, FL)
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
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21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation (___ notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___);
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