



Crested Caracara  
19 November 2006  
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Calcasieu Par., Lionel  
Derouen Road, SE of  
Holmwood. Two adults



We spotted a caracara on top of a snag and stopped to obtain photos. At that time we noticed a second bird. Photos were digiscoped through Kowa 20X with a Nikon Coolpix (both birds photographed; photo of only one bird here--other was more obscured by vegetation). Birds were about 200 m distant, but were obviously adult Crested Caracaras by shape and coloration.

Although this individual was fairly distant, it was obviously an adult based on its more or less "black and white" coloration--black crest contrasting with white cheeks and upper breast and blackish belly. The bird on top of the snag was moving around and gave views of its white tail with a black subterminal band (see photo).

  
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