



Crested Caracara  
2007-30  
Calcasieu Parish: Rossignol Road  
about 1 mi. W Bell City  
(one of two adults present 4/24)

Two adults and one immature on 24-29 April 2007 (while leading ABA convention tours--also photo of adult 4/28--great views on most days) and two adults on 5-6 June 2007. Birds were in the vicinity of the boat launch and were observed in the dead snags (as photographed above) or in or along the edges of the adjacent fields (photo by DLD). Behavior (sub-adult carrying a stick on 4/24; adult carrying a piece of bark on 4/28) suggested breeding, but no nest was found. Adults unmistakable. Raptor with blackish back, black crown, and barred black and white underparts becoming black on the belly, these contrast with white cheeks, throat, and upper breast. In flight, shape, rounded rounded wigs and conspicuous white patches in primaries, white rump and barred white upper tail. Bill pale gray, cere bright orange, legs dull orangish yellow. Immature similar to adults, but browner and with duller soft parts colors (Immature not photographed).

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