

1. English and Scientific names:

Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*

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

1, adult (One other might have been present. Not clear.)

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Calcasieu, Hidden Ponds RV Park, intersection of Ravia Road and S. Beglis Parkway.

4. Date(s) when observed:

February 23, 2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Roughly 5 minutes around 9:15 AM CST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Tom Pollock

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

Staked out bird. Most recently reported by Deanna Griggs.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Light clouds during visit to location. Good light with birds seen in a number of locations.

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

Zeiss, 10 x 42 binoculars. Good Condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Various - 20 yards to 40 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

Approximately 10 minutes.

13. Habitat:

RV park in semi-rural area with many trees including live oaks in the area. Found adjacent to small pond in the RV park in association with riparian willow trees.

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

Bird (s?) heard calling in live oak at entrance to RV Park. One bird seen flying from oak to top of mail boxes and picking on something on the boxes.

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):

Resembles a smallish kingfisher. Yellow belly, brownish-rufous back. Black crown and face. White supercilium and throat.

16. Voice:

Bird calling – typical kisk – ka – dee call.

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

No similar species in region to my knowledge.

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

To be submitted. Both Pollock and Huner took pictures.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Seen a number of times in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Also seen and/or heard several times in Louisiana – Grand Chenier, White Lake, Johnson’s Bayou, and Sulphur, LA.

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

a. at time of observation: National Geographic Field Guide.

b. after observation: Sibley's Field Guide.

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain. Yes.

23. Signature of reporter ___signed Jay V. Huner date: 2/23/16 3:25 PM