

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: [Great Kiskadee \(*Pitangus sulphuratus*\)](#)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): [1, age and sex unknown](#)
3. Parish: [Calcasieu](#)
Specific Locality: [Sam Houston Jones State Park, at red trail parking area](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [25 June 2016](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [sporadically between 7:00 and 11:00 am](#)
6. Reporting observer and address: [Erik I. Johnson, 102 Goodwood Cir., Lafayette, LA 70508](#)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Irvin Louque](#)
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [apparent a Great Kiskadee was found in the area a few weeks ago by someone in the Gulf Coast Bird Club \(fide Irvin Louque\). Reportedly seen/heard on 9 June 2016 by Deanna Griggs \(fide eBird\).](#)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Mixed sun and clouds, but never actually saw the bird.](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [Not relevant.](#)
11. Distance to bird(s): [At closest, probably a couple hundred meters away.](#)

12. Duration of observation: off and on for about 4 hours

13. Habitat: mixed pine/deciduous forest, camp grounds, cypress-tupelo swamp

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Irvin and I were running the monthly bird banding station, so didn't really have an opportunity to go investigate the calls further. Only ever heard the bird calling, perhaps about 4 different times over 4 hours. Giving "wah" and "kis-ka-dee" calls. The calls came from different directions and distances, suggesting it was moving around. I considered the possibility that one or more people were using playback, but given the intervals between calls, and seemingly lack of consistency in calls between intervals, this seems unlikely. There was a bird walk in the park that morning, and we spoke afterward to some of the participants who also noted hearing the bird, and they claimed that no one used playback.

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

Not seen. Calls diagnostic.

16. Voice: Both adults vocalizing aggressively and continuously, at least in part to playback. "Wah" and "kis-ka-dee" calls given.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Really none using combination of plumage and vocalization. Calls are diagnostic, except for potential confusion with playback or even mockingbird. This was not a mockingbird as the calls were never preceded or followed by other rambling vocalizations.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): No

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive experience in Neotropics, seen and heard several times now in Louisiana over last several years.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes. I suppose a pitfall with this observation is the potential confusion with someone doing playback. There was a bird walk in the park that morning, and we spoke afterward to some of the participants who also noted hearing the bird, and claimed they did not use playback.

23. Date: 6 August 2016

Time: 9:45 am

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page? yes

If yes, may we include your name with the report? yes