

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 individual - adult plumage
3. Parish: Calcasieu
Specific Locality: Sam Houston Jones State Park Moss Bluff, LA
4. Date(s) when observed:
June 09, 2016
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
8:05 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address:
Deanna Griggs 354 Coushatta Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70611 (Moss Bluff)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
N/A
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
N/A
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
GKIS was seen in both morning sun and light shade
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Zeiss 8x40 binoculars - excellent condition
11. Distance to bird(s):
Initially about 70 yards; then about 20 yards (observed w/ bins both times)
12. Duration of observation:
5 to 10 minutes
13. Habitat:
Open swampy area of park

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

Initially I heard several high-pitched single syllable bird sounds nearby that were unfamiliar to me. As I was trying to locate the bird, it began calling the 'kiskadee' of which I am familiar. Calling 'kiskadee' several times as it flew into a dead tree in the swamp in front of me, I was able to clearly observe the bird as it perched on a limb. A few minutes later, it flew toward and over me to a limb of a dead tree about 20 yards from where I was sitting. Observed at a closer distance with an unobstructed view, the GKIS perched a few minutes, called a final 'kiskadee' and flew off into wooded area.

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*):

The bird, larger than a cardinal, had a large head with a black strip through the eye extending to the back of the head, a white eyebrow and a black stripe on crown, white throat, yellow breast and belly....reddish brown back and wings.

16. Voice:

First sounds were several high-pitched single syllables; then the 'kiskadee'

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

Belted Kingfishers are common in the area, but have totally different coloring and voice.

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

N/A

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have photographed GKIS at White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area near Gueydan, LA. and Hidden Ponds RV Park, Sulphur, LA as well as hearing the 'kiskadee' call in both areas.

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

a. at time of observation:

Personal experience

b. after observation:

Personal experience

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation. At what date?	6/09/2016
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory	
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images	

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

Yes

23. Date: August 6, 2016

Time: 2:21 p.m

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