

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: Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1, "adult" female
3. Parish: St. Martin
Specific Locality: Lake Martin, northern side of lake, about 500 feet west of the parking area
4. Date(s) when observed: 11 October 2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 6:00 pm
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): Ceci Johnson
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): This bird has been continuing for about a year, and has been reported by many observers previously.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sunny, late afternoon light, mostly looking into the sun, so lighting was not great.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 x 42 Swarovski EL binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): 150 ft at the closest
12. Duration of observation: about 20 minutes

13. Habitat: cypress swamp/lake bordered by bottomland hardwood and cypress swamp forest

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was active, moving around occasionally between perches, but also sitting still for several minutes at a time. First detected calling, seemingly behind a wall of Spanish-moss-covered cypress. Then seen flying. Then disappeared. Back out into open and moved between a couple perches once we had a better angle on the general location where the bird was.

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*): Massive kingfisher, first really only seeing blue above in flight at first, but was looking through camera, which also captured all rusty chest/belly. Eventually seen perched showing white "ring" completely around neck separating blue head (with big shaggy crest) and rusty chest and belly.

16. Voice: Loud cackling rattle, must more robust than Belted Kingfisher.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Belted Kingfisher would be the only confusion, I suppose. The white ring, rusty underparts, and different call make it a no-brainer.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen once in south TX, a few times in Costa Rica and Panama, and a number of times in Amazonian Brazil. Familiar with call.

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

a. at time of observation: Used Smartphone apps for refresher on call before I arrived at the site.

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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study of images

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

23. Date: 24 Jan 2016

Time: 8:15 am



