

**Louisiana Ornithological Society's**  
**LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE**

**Rare Bird 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 ensure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. **English and Scientific names:** Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle Torquata*)
2. **Numbers of individuals, age, sex, general plumage** (e.g. "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 1 adult male
3. **Locality:** Louisiana **Parish:** Caddo  
  
**Specific Locality:** On discarded shopping cart on muddy peninsula of Cross Lake Behind The Cove bar at 1612 Dilg League Drive in Shreveport LA
4. **Date(s) when observed:** First observed on 11-21-99
5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** First observed around 2:30 pm. Seen again between 3:30 -4pm Seen once more and photographed around 4:50 pm
6. **Reporting observer and address:** Terry Davis 801 Anthony. Bossier City, Louisiana
7. **Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):**  
John McBride
8. **Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):** Later, on subsequent trips the bird was seen and identified by Hubert Hervey, Pat Hervey, Dr. Jim Ingold, Dr. Charlie Lyon, Roger Breedlove, Dr. Jeff Trahan, Jean Trahan, Kathryn Trahan, Bruce Crider, and a host of others.
9. **Light conditions** (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was approx 75 yds. w of our position w bright sunlight overhead
10. **Optical equipment** (type, power, condition): Simmons Redline binoculars 10x50.  
Binoculars were new.
11. **Distance to bird(s):** approx. 75 yds. At first sighting

12. **Duration of observation:** First observation lasted 1 minute at most
13. **Habitat:** shallow lake edge, muddy flats, deciduous wooded area and stream immediately s of area. Well developed (houses) on both e and w sides.
14. **Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): First observed flying to shopping cart partially submerged in mud. Later observed flying and perched on different occasions. Observed giving a single upward bob of head/neck while perched on many occasions
15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; if possible, give details on 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. Attach additional pages if necessary):
- VERY LARGE kingfisher. MUCH LARGER THAN BEKI APPEARS AT LEAST TWICE THE SIZE ,IF NOT MORE, THAN A FEMALE BEKI NEARBY. Large blue head w/crested appearance, wide white ring encircling neck. rich blue at sides of neck EXTENDING THINLY TOWARD CENTER OF THROAT NECK,BUT STOPPING SHORT OF CENTER. Huge bill NOTICEABLY DARK FROM MIDDLE OF BILL TO TIP AND HORN COLORED FROM MIDWAY TO THE BASE. MUCH LARGER BILL THAN BEKI.BILL HAS VERY SLIGHT UPTURNED APPEARANCE,UNLIKE BEKI. Back color blue, PALER THAN BEKI. Underparts. RICH CHESTNUT RED FROM LOWER THROAT/UPPER CHEST TO LOWER BELLY. White crissum.
16. **Voice:** Loud, sweeter and slower than BEKI, but recognizable as kingfisher. Single notes were nearly countable unlike dry,machine-gun rattle of BEKI. Tempo of call a bit like Pileated Woodpecker, although single notes sound more like "pert" than "kik" or "kok" I personally did not hear any single "chack"notes, although others said they did.
17. **Similar species and (How they are eliminated by your description?):** Belted Kingfisher much smaller w/smaller mostly dark bill. female BEKI has chestnut only in lower breast/flanks. Voice totally different.
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?): I photographed the bird at approx. 4:40-4:50 p.m. on the day of discovery. Charlie Lyon also photographed the bird and obtained a voice recording (the next day?). Mark Swan filmed and obtained voice of the bird with a camcorder at a later date. Bryan Miller photographed the bird the same day M. Swann did. Kathryn Trahan also filmed the bird with a camcorder.
19. **My photos taken the day of discovery accompany this form** photos attached
19. **Previous experience with this species:** I have no previous experience with RIKI other than in my well-studied field guides. However, I have much experience with BEKI, and new within seconds of seeing/hearing the bird that it wasn't a BEKI.

20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
memory of field marks and voice of BEKI.

a. at time of observation: None at first observation other than memory/familiarity  
of above

b. after observation: Ref. to National Geographic Field Guide To The N.  
American Birds-3<sup>rd</sup> edition

21. **This description is written from:** ~~notes made during the observation; notes made on~~  
~~date of the observation (date: 11-21-99);~~ ~~memory.~~ *Notes were made*  
*later on the Day of Discovery*

22. **Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)?**: YES.

23. Signature of reporter:  (Date) 2-08-00  
Terry Davis