

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more 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: Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One bird, unknown sex and age.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) Jefferson Davis Parish
Specific Locality: West Niblett Rd 3.2 miles from Hwy 99; 8.6 miles SSW of Welsh, LA.
30° 7'8.86"N; 92°52'29.71"W
4. Date(s) when observed:
12/16/2011
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
1:48pm (time photos were taken)
6. Reporting observer and address:
Walker Wilson
1917 East Eagle Street
Zachary, LA 70791
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Bill Fontenot
Chris Brantley
Jeff Harris
Kevin Morgan
Molly Richard
Bill Vermillion
Jacob Saucier
Heather Mancuso
Patty Holland
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
I'm not sure. Bill F., Bill V., Molly and Patty already found the bird before the rest of us got there. We all heard it and I IDed it when it vocalized, but I don't know if you could say we independently IDed it since we were told it was around when we arrived.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
It was overcast, so the light was diffused to the point where there were no shadows. The

level of light was moderate, so we had no problem seeing, but there was no direct light.

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

Swarovski SLC 10x42 in good condition; Canon 5D Mk II with Canon EF 100-400 f 4.5-5.6L IS USM lens.

11. Distance to bird(s):

30-40 yds

12. Duration of observation: Approx.

10-15 min.

13. Habitat:

The bird was high in some deciduous trees on the side of the road that had a thick understory of Chinese privet and greenbriers.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird came in response to tape. We heard it first, then we saw it flying in. The bird also had been observed for some time prior to our arrival. It perched and sang from the tree tops until it left.

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):

The top of the head was black. The broad supercillium was white. The large bill and thick eye line was black. There was a small amount of yellowish-orange at the corners of the mouth. The chin, throat and neck below the eye line was white. The breast, belly, sides, flank and vent were canary yellow. The body was chunky. The back and wings were brown. The retrices and remeges were reddish brown. The tail was short for a flycatcher. The legs were dark, possibly black. Eyes were black.

16. Voice:

This bird made the typical "Kis-Ka-Dee" sound

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

This bird was too large to be any other flycatcher that lives in the US. No other flycatcher has the black and white face pattern.

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

Others may have photographed it before I got there, but after I arrived, I was the only one who took pictures. I will attach the photos.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have observed and photographed these many times in South Texas and Argentina

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

a. at time of observation:

All observers present agreed on the ID.

b. after observation:

I referenced my photographs from that day.

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

X memory. I referenced my photographs.

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

Yes

23. Signature of reporter:  Date: 12/16/11 Time: 1:58
pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or
portions of this report on its website? Yes

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