

# 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>](mailto: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 adult
3. Parish: Cameron  
Specific Locality: 29.702600, -92.675565; privately owned portion of Superior Canal 0.28 miles S of the draw bridge on Hwy 82. Location is ~0.35 miles N of the northern boundary of Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge
4. Date(s) when observed: December 30, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm; 3:50 pm – 3:53 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Phillip L. Vasseur, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge 5476 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier, LA 70643
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): NA
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Mostly cloudy but had really good views of the bird
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 8x42 binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): Got to within 15 meters
12. Duration of observation: ~30 minutes

13. Habitat: Foraging among bare sugarberry and tallow trees along the banks of a canal

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): I initially saw the bird flying low across the canal from E to W and it perched in a sugarberry tree along the edge of the canal and called several times. It flew back across the canal and again landed in a tree along the edge of the canal. I watched as it sallied for insects and was able to take several pictures of it. I also tried to record its call with my phone but did not get a good recording. I left the area to conduct business and when I returned about an hour and a half later, it was again in the area where I initially saw it perched. I took a few more pictures then it flew NW across the canal and perched on a utility wire.

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*): I had complete views of the bird so I saw the rusty wings and tail, yellow underside, and black-and-white striped head. I even saw its yellow crown feathers raised at one point.

16. Voice: It called several times when it landed after flying across the canal. It repeated single call notes. It did not give its 'kiss-kah-deee' call.

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I managed to get several close-up photos of the bird and have attached some of the better images.

19. Previous experience with this species: I have observed this species a few times in the past but have not had as close-up views as I had this time.

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

a. at time of observation: NA

b. after observation: NA

21. This description is written from:

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| <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

23. Date: 12/30/2017

Time: 5:17 pm

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? \_No, please report as LDWF staff \_\_\_\_\_





