

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Ringed Kingfisher, *Megaceryle torquata*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One adult female
3. Parish: **St. Martin**
Specific Locality: **Lake Martin, north end.**
4. Date(s) when observed: **2/15/2015**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **9:58 am**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Michael Musumeche, 1621 Southwood Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Three others, don't know names.**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Many since it was found.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Poor, very foggy**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Swarovski 10x42.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **~100 meters**
12. Duration of observation: **15 minutes**
13. Habitat: **Swampy**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Perched on a snag ~ 15 meters above the water**
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*): **One large adult female kingfisher; large beak, bluish head, back, and upper breast, rufous lower breast, belly and vent, broad, white neck collar.**
16. Voice: **None noted**
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Belted Kingfisher, smaller, different plumage pattern.**
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, by #6 above. Images sent to Paul Conover**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Much in Rio Grand Valley of south Texas.**

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
None

a. at time of observation: **None**

b. after observation: **Sibley**

21. This description is written from:

<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"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 2/16/2015

Time: 8:06 am



