

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Ringed kingfisher
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One
3. Parish: St Martin
Specific Locality: Lake Martin (Lake la P)ointe) Cypress Island Preserve
4. Date(s) when observed: 2/14/2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:15 to 11:30 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Janine Robin 13083 Blackwell Lane, Franklinton, LA 70438
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mary Mehaffey and Susan Epps.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Charlie Lyons, Dave Patton, Jeff Trahan, Glenn Ousset, Michael Plauche and Warren Preble. Others there, but didn't get their names.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird in the shade of the cypress trees and moss. Was backlit also. But still were able to see the bird clearly and make out it's colors and body shape.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Steiner binoculars 8x42. Also observed through Mehaffey's Bruner 60x scope and Charlie Lyons scope.
11. Distance to bird(s): 100 to 150 feet
12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes
13. Habitat: Lake Martin. Large cypress trees standing in water with huge amounts of moss hanging from the limbs.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Saw the bird fly in low through the trees when flushed by a slow moving boat. It was also vocal at that time. It perched on a limb and stayed in that spot for about 15 minutes. It did some

preening also.

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*): It's wing span was wider than a Belted kingfisher and was visibly a larger bird. Had a head that looked larger in proportion to its body which is very kingfisher-like. The bill was very large. Blue/gray head and back. White ring around neck, blue/gray breast, white band, then a rufous belly.

16. Voice: Very loud rat-tat-tat rattle. Similar to Belted but not as hurried.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Larger than the Belted kingfisher. Voice louder. Colors similar, but a different pattern.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): no

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen several while in Costa Rica. Also seen in South Texas.

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

a. at time of observation: Other birders who put us on the area to watch.

b. after observation: Verified species and sex of bird in Sibley field guide and Natl. Geo of North America field guide.

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: 2/27/2015

Time: 7:38pm