

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2020-091

Name of bird form: Great Kiskadee

Committee member name: Matt Fraker

Date of review: 3/24/21

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-PE(ph)

Comments: [required as this is a potential first state record]

Diagnostic photos submitted.

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Record #: 2020-091

Name of bird form: Great Kiskadee

Committee member name: Robert Hughes

Date of review: March 17, 2021

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-PE

Comments: [required as this is a potential first state record] All field marks and probability point towards Great Kiskadee. A number of northern extralimital records exist for North America, including South Dakota, Ontario, and Indiana (from eBird).

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Record #: 2020-091

Name of bird form: Great Kiskadee

Committee member name: Davida Kalina

Date of review: 23 March 2021

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-WD(1)

Comments: [required as this is a potential first state record]

The submitters' photos are consistent with Great Kiskadee. The extensive written documentation of G. Williamson has adequately ruled out other possible candidate species of similar size and plumage pattern, including Boat-billed Flycatcher and Yellow-throated Flycatcher, based on physical characteristics (of the bill and plumage) observed, and Lesser Kiskadee, on vocalization heard. I am voting to accept this record on the basis of the many photos and the written documentation of G. Williamson.

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Record #: 2020-091

Name of bird form: Great Kiskadee

Committee member name: Walter Marcisz

Date of review: 3-19-21

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-PE

Comments: [required as this is a potential first state record]

I believe that Photo #6 shows the best representation of bill size and shape, as well as the best representation of the actual amount of rufous tones in the secondaries and rectrices. As such, my decision is mostly based on that photo. Supportive notes in the written documentations are also helpful, especially the description of the call note and overall size (Robin-size or larger). There are a dizzying number Neotropical flycatchers that are similar in appearance to Great Kiskadee, but (with the exception of Boat-billed Flycatcher) the vast majority are considerably smaller with little or no rufous in the wings and tail. Boat-billed Flycatcher is easily eliminated by its massive bill size and minimal rufous tones. Social Flycatcher is a similar species that has been previously recorded in the U.S.A., but (as noted above) it is considerably smaller and it lacks rufous tones. Another ID contender is Lesser Kiskadee, but again, the bill shape shown in Photo #6 seems wrong for that species. Lesser Kiskadee is also a considerably smaller bird (smaller than a robin).

Regarding the possibility of captive origin, it is my understanding that Great Kiskadees (and tyrant flycatchers in general) are not usually kept in captivity because of their relatively poor singing skills and aggressive behavior as well as their habit of eating live prey. I vote to accept.

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Name of bird form: Great Kiskadee

Committee member name: Adam Sell

Date of review: 3/25/21

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-PE

Comments: [required as this is a potential first state record] A beautiful bird and state first. Bill length/shape, facial markings and amount of rust in the wings is sufficient to safely identify this as a Great Kiskadee and photos rule out some of the even crazier options!

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Record #: 2020-091

Name of bird form: Great Kiskadee

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 4/5/21

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-PE

Comments: [required as this is a potential first state record]

Multiple observers documented this bird, as well as photos. I found Geoff Williamson's documentation particularly helpful, since it was the only one to consider other Neotropical possibilities, as well as photo #6 by John Weisgerber, since it gave a profile view of the bill to eliminate Boat-billed Flycatcher and Lesser Kiskadee.

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Record #: 2020-091

Name of bird form: Great Kiskadee

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 22 December 2020

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-PE

Comments: [required as this is a potential first state record]

Everything about this bird is consistent with Great Kiskadee. I have some reservations about excluding Lesser Kiskadee, but I think the combination of bill size, extent of red tones in the plumage, and vocalizations do that adequately.