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Reply-To: iorcommittee@gmail.com

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1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	Great Kiskadee
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	Not seen, but photos by another birder indicate an adult.
5) Date:	2020-11-29
6) Location (include county):	Des Plaines Conservation Area Will Co
7) Observers:	2
8) Your name:	Giuseppe "Joe" Cesolini
Street Address	██████████
Street Address Line 2	██████
City	█
State / Province / Region	█
Postal / Zip Code	██████
Country	██████████
10) Your e-mail address:	████████████████████
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	Jenny Cesolini
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	
13) Description of bird (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, wings, undertail, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts: bill, legs, and feet) include only details actually seen in the field :	Heard only
14) Description of behavior:	Heard only
15) Description of vocalizations:	As reported in the eBird checklist from 11/29, it was a piercing screechy, one note call that was repeated over and over. At one point I mentioned "is that a kitten?" As the eBird report notes, it's identical to the fourth recording down on the allaboutbirds.com website. Gray Catbird was easily ruled out by the tone and frequency. Also worth mentioning that I'm very comfortable with local and migrant birds and this one definitely caught my attention.

16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	Brushy riparian flood plain
17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	Heard only
18) Distance/how measured?	100 feet or less
19) Time of observation:	02:00 pm
20) Total time of observation:	30 seconds
21) Weather conditions:	Overcast with light winds from the S, low 40's
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	None
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	See above
24) Were photos obtained?	No
25) If so, by whom?	No photos by anyone in my party but John Weisgerber photographed one a couple days later at that location.
26) Books and illustrations consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	Sibley bird app, allaboutbirds.com , Audubon bird app.
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	2 days
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	5 days
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	As noted in my eBird post from 11/29/20, I heard this bird that completely stood out at the time but couldn't place. Fast forward to 12/2/20 when I see a rare bird alert email for Great Kiskadee at that exact location. I immediately started listening to their vocals and as I said, it was an exact match for a bird that doesn't sound like anything else around here.