

# BLUE SUEDE NEWS

**Walter Jr.**  
**The River Club**  
(Gatortone Music)

Walter Jr. has been singing and playing the Swampy Blues down in Louisiana for decades, putting out several albums in the course of his career and playing The River Club. This new release contains 11 originals that reflect life in Louisiana like “Down the Bayou”, a swinging song about the dangers of the bayous. “Sugarhouse Road” has that heavy Bo Diddley beat, crashing drums and distorted guitar. A funky New Orleans groove gets you movin’ to “Something Something”, about his hungry baby (“...if she feels like a fricasse, them frickin’ chickens best stay out her way...”). And “Sweet Potato Pie” has that heavy swampy groove that suits Walter Jr.’s gravelly voice perfectly. There’s a few more mid-tempo numbers (a couple are little too modern for my taste) and the superb slow soul “Never Make It Up” (think Aaron Neville). The trio has Sonny Landreth playing slide on “He Holds The Lightning”. All in all an interesting album by a soulful, gravelly voiced Blues man, a release with excellent packaging and great songs, including all lyrics. -GMB