

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for. Attach additional pages or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <[zoiseaux@lusfiber.net](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cynanthus latirostris*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 adult female in adult plumage.
3. Louisiana - Parish: Terrebonne  
Specific Locality: 4815 Grand Caillou Road, Houma, LA 70363  
Coordinates: 29.4773, -90.7008
4. Date(s) when observed: 28 October 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 0735 until 0915, somewhat discontinuously.
6. Reporting observer and address:  
  
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7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Matt Brady, Oscar Johnson, Marky Mutchler.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Hosts Jennifer and Alan 'Andy' Gibson.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): solid low overcast, occasional light rain early, clearing to high overcast.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski EL Swarovision 10x42 binocular

11. Distance to bird(s): 10 feet to in hand.

12. Duration of observation: 1 hour 41 minutes according to Brady's eBird submission. In hand for about 7 minutes.

13. Habitat: Semi rural with a partial canopy of mature Live Oak [*Quercus virginiana*]; it is a large property with several acres fenced as pasturage.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Initially, this bird was perched in a Crepe Myrtle [*Lagerstroemia indica*] next to the parking area. Then, it moved to a Pencil Cactus [*Euphorbia tirucalli*] in a cove behind the house. It vocalized almost constantly as is their usual behavior. Flight was jerky with a lot of tail movement somewhat reminiscent of Black-chinned Hummingbird [*Archilochus alexandri*] movement.

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*):

Crown, nape, back, and rump dull darkish green. Entire underparts dull gray. There was a suggestion of a white post ocular line, but that was not as definite as is usual for the species. The long, wide, slightly notched tail was black with small white spots on the tips of R 3, R 4, and R 5. The long, broad bill was blackish with a suggestion of red near the bases of both maxilla and mandible. Eyes were dark brown, appearing black in the field. Legs and feet were dull black.

16. Voice: a harsh 'ji dit', somewhat similar to the call of a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, but more flat. This individual vocalized constantly, even while it was in a holding bag, waiting to be examined, a behavioral trait that I have noted with other members of this species.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Nothing else in North America, north of Mexico, is really close in appearance. At a very brief glimpse, because of its plain gray underparts, female Ruby-throated Hummingbird [*Archilochus colubris*] or female Black-chinned Hummingbird [*Archilochus alexandri*] come to mind, but those species are smaller and mostly paler gray on the throat and breast. White-eared Hummingbird is also smaller and shows a more distinct white postocular stripe. Additionally, female White-eareds show some green spangling on their flanks, which this individual lacked.. Female Magnificent Hummingbirds are larger and lack any red

coloration on the bill. Furthermore, all of the aforementioned species give very different vocalizations than those of Broad-billed Hummingbirds.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): See link to eBird report submitted by Brady: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S40348089>

19. Previous experience with this species: Banded approximately 35 in Louisiana since 1990, plus observed hundreds and banded dozens in Arizona during the summers of 1988 and 1997.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

National Geographic *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*

*The Sibley Guide to Birds*

Pyle, P. 1997. Identification Guide to North American Landbirds: Part I

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	Image of data sheet attached.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	10-28-2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

And extensive previous experience with this species in Arizona.

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

See LBRC #2016-052 for acceptance of this same individual that was banded by Stephen M Locke on 17 December 2016.

*Nancy L Newfield*

23. Date: 11-25-2017

Time: 0804

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes.

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes.

**Additional Information on Gibson Broad-billed Hummingbird - K26609**

25 March 2017

Jennifer Gibson has informed me that the last day she observed the Broad-billed Hummingbird [K26609] at her home in Houma was Sunday, 12 March 2017.

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**RETURNEE**

Band # K 26609 Species BBLH (Broad-billed) Bander Nancy Newfield Color Mark: whi yel pink  
Date Recaptured 28 Oct. 2017 Site Gibson Lati-Long \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Detected \_\_\_\_\_ Date Departed \_\_\_\_\_ Status WR  
Fat 0 Bill Corrugations 10 % Age AHY Sex ♀ F Ova 0  
Primaries: All Present  W  or Missing: 1 \_\_\_ % 2 \_\_\_ % 3 \_\_\_ % 4 \_\_\_ % 5 \_\_\_ % 6 \_\_\_ % 7 \_\_\_ % 8 \_\_\_ % 9 \_\_\_ %  
Rectrices: All Present  W  or Missing: R1 \_\_\_ % R2 \_\_\_ % R3 \_\_\_ % R4 \_\_\_ % R5 \_\_\_ %  
L1 \_\_\_ % L2 \_\_\_ % L3 \_\_\_ % L4 \_\_\_ % L5 \_\_\_ %  
Contour: No Molt \_\_\_ or Crown  Back \_\_\_ Rump \_\_\_ Gorget  Breast \_\_\_ Belly \_\_\_ Wing Cov \_\_\_  
Measurements: Exposed Culmen 21.32 mm Wing Chord 49.23 mm  
Tail 26.85 mm [Selasphorus R1 \_\_\_ mm R2 \_\_\_ mm R5 \_\_\_ mm] We \_\_\_  
Documentation: Video \_\_\_ Photos \_\_\_ Feathers Taken: R1 \_\_\_ R2 \_\_\_ R5 \_\_\_ Gorget \_\_\_  
Original Banding Date \_\_\_\_\_ Banded as (Age/Sex) \_\_\_\_\_ Banding Site \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
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