

# 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](#) (*Cyanthus latirostris*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): [1, male, unknown age \(possible immature\)](#)
3. Parish: [Iberia](#)  
Specific Locality: [Susan and James Edmunds Residence, Allen St., New Iberia](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [11 Feb 2020](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [10:30 am](#)
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <a href="#">Erik I. Johnson</a>
City: <a href="#">Sunset</a>
State: <a href="#">LA</a>
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Susan Hester Edmunds, Katie Barnes](#)
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [Mike Musumeche](#)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Partly cloudy, we were mainly watching the backyard under a large live oak canopy, so shaded.](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [10x42 Vortex Razor binoculars \(excellent condition\), Samsung S6 smartphone \(digi-bin\)](#)

11. Distance to bird(s): about 30-100 ft.

12. Duration of observation: about 15 minutes

13. Habitat: residential garden

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Susan had let me know the day before that she thought she had a male Broad-billed, including seeing a dark tail. So Mike Musumecche, Katie Barnes, and I went to visit, showing up around 8:40am. We waited in the backyard, along the fence, with a hummingbird trap around one of the feeders (the other feeder we took down). A Ruby-throat showed up briefly at 9:20 am, but did not feed. Mike left around 10:00 or slightly after. Around 10:30 we thought we heard an interesting rattle from the neighbor's yard; after hearing a Ruby-crowned Kinglet all morning, we thought this sounded "interesting." A few minutes later, we heard a definite rattle call – Katie and I both recognized it after having seen Jeanne Plaisance's BBLH earlier this winter – and then I looked over my shoulder and saw the bird about 30 feet away in the subcanopy. The bird was in view, zipping around the yard for about 15 minutes, giving us different viewing angles (seen directly from below, 45 degrees into subcanopy, eye level in garden, generally 30-100 feet away throughout. Showed no interest in the feeder.

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*):

Male. Bright blue throat, and dark iridescent green body plumage. Had a hint of a white line behind the eye, suggesting possibly an immature male nearly completing its molt (Katie's photo showed that there was no active wing molt). Tail dark blue, with slight fork, flitting the tail open and closed as foraging. Bill with red base and blending to dark outer half, slightly curved (ala Black-chinned Hummingbird). Undertail coverts were white, perhaps slightly mottled with dark patches.

16. Voice: Ruby-crowned Kinglet-like rattle call, but more mechanical sounding. Also giving high (almost ultrasonic) "pic" notes, pretty hard to hear, mostly only when perched.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Buff-bellied Hummingbird has a buff (not green) belly and rufous (not dark blue) tail; call also different. White-eared would have a shorter, straight bill, and bolder white post-ocular line. Blue-throated would have gray underparts and lots of white in the outer tail feathers.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, I was able to get

one really poor digi-bin photo. Katie was able to get several good photos. Mike went back later in the day and also got more photos.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've only seen one male before (in LA), but I have lots of experience with Buff-bellied.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	Yes, took cursory field notes in eBird app.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	Filled out notes in eBird that afternoon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 12 Feb 2020

Time: 9:55 pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page? Yes

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

