

# 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, immature male \(hatching-year\)](#)
3. Parish: [East Baton Rouge](#)  
Specific Locality: [Gail Suberbielle Residence, 848 Longwood Ave, Baton Rouge](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [1 November 2020](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [1:55pm](#)
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <a href="#">Erik I. Johnson</a>
City: <a href="#">Sunset</a>
State: <a href="#">Louisiana</a>
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Gail Suberbielle](#)
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [Many birders were able to visit and see the bird before it was banded, and I believe a few after as well. The bird showed up on a Friday \(30 October\), I banded it a Sunday afternoon, and was last seen on Monday \(2 November\).](#)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Mostly sunny and mid-day lighting. It was warm – about 74 F at the BR Metropolitan airport at the time of capture according to Wunderground.com.](#)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D7200 with Nikon 105mm f/2.8 lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): In-hand, captured with a cage-trap.
12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
13. Habitat: Residential yard, with several mature trees and established cover bushes.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): It was not in the yard when I arrived, and I waited for about 30 minutes before it appeared. It immediately entered the cage with the feeder and was caught. The bird was processed quickly, in about 5 minutes, a few photos were taken, and then it was immediately released. The bird was “puffy” in the hand, so I worked particularly fast and did not take many photos. Gail let me know that she saw it at the feeder shortly after release, and it was seen several more times at the feeder through the next day.
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*): It was an immature male, but mostly in adult plumage. The throat was bright blue, but with a few small patches of white (remnant juvenile plumage). P8 was in molt and it had some body molt. The back and crown were bright green. The white spot behind the eye was minimal. The maxilla had some dull red and the mandible was about 80% red. Only the very base of the bill was corrugated.
16. Voice: Gave mechanical kinglet-like tiking chatter calls as it approached the feeder.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Pretty unmistakable. Didn't have the white line behind the eye or bronzy-green central tail feathers of a White-eared. Didn't have the buffy belly and brown tail of a Buff-bellied.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, my photos attached.
19. Previous experience with this species: I've banded only one male previously (in 2010, with Dave Patton) and saw one male in New Iberia in Feb 2020. Both of those birds I also was able to study “in the wild” on multiple days. I banded one additional male in December 2020, after seeing this bird.

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, banding sheet attached.
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 10 January 2021

Time: 11:15 am

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? No. Although I banded this bird "by the book", I would prefer that puffy images of hummingbirds in-hand not be distributed.

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