

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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Species: Broad-billed Hummingbird, *Cynanthus latirostris*

Location: University Hills neighborhood, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish

Date: 27 December 2020

Age and sex: First cycle male

Molt status: Unsure (see description)

Number of individuals: One

Other observers: Dan Lane, Matt Brady, John Garrett, Jody Sheldon

Original observer: Fred Sheldon, I think

Circumstances: We chased this continuing bird in Fred's yard, finding it easily as it was coming in to a feeder at point blank range. It spent the rest of its time perched in a crape myrtle and chasing other hummingbirds. Photos and recordings obtained, including recordings of a song. eBird checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S78062703>

Description: A moderately large hummingbird, mostly green overall. Gorget somewhat more blue than the rest of the green body plumage. White line behind eye. Some white mottling on lower belly and vent. Mandible mostly red. Maxilla black with some red at base. Tail dark, with blue gloss above. Tail with shallow fork. Call a rapid chatter, similar to, but faster than, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet call.

Discussion: Not easily confused with any other hummingbird. It looked like there may have been some body molt, given the scattered pale feathers on the belly, but I couldn't definitely make out any active molt on the body or the wings. Given those pale feathers it is certainly a first cycle male.

