

Broad-billed Hummingbird
Cynanthus latirostris

One, female

Orleans Parish
Audubon Louisiana Nature Center

February 14, 2023

This is the date of the photograph posted in ebird and examined by Van Remsen and Steve Cardiff, which they identified as a female Broad-billed Hummingbird.

I took the photo close to noon. I believe the individual to be the same one that had been present for weeks and was believed to be a female Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

On the 14th, I noticed that the face pattern was not typical for a female Ruby-throated, but it seemed to be in range of possible variations. Later examination of female Ruby-throated photos in ebird showed a few similar face patterns with white eyeline maybe a little less well marked. I did not see the tail except closed while the individual was perched. I did not notice the bluish color in the tail that seems to show in the photo. I did not notice any red or very light color on the bill. With a dash of imagination, there may seem to be a little blurred reddishness at the base of the lower bill in the zoomed up photo.

Light during the observation with 10x42 binoculars, at about 20 feet, for several minutes, was through light or broken overcast, good light but not bright.

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Other observers who saw the individual on February 14: Josh Sut, Matt Reyna, staff members of the Nature Center.

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