

LBRC Report Form

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 Male green on back and top of head, blue gorget, blue & green chest.
Red/orange bill. Notch in tail feather (I don't know which tail feather it is, but it is visible in some photos.)
3. Parish:
Tangipahoa
4. Specific Locality:
44292 Bennett Rd, Hammond, LA 70403
5. Date(s) when observed: October 1, 2024 - October 8, 2024 ; November 15, 2024;
December 15, 2024 - present (February 11, 2025)
6. Time(s) of day when observed: All day. He can be seen and heard first thing in the morning (around 6:30 am) in a lot of brush near a feeder. During the day he can be seen chasing various birds around and in the evening he is back in the brush near "his" feeder.
7. Reporting observer: DeeDee Mahony
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Rusty Mahony
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Jane Patterson, Nancy Newfield, Matthew Dell
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): He has been seen in various light conditions: early morning light, heavy fog, rain, snow (January "snow storm"), bright afternoon sun, and dusk.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8x42 binoculars, 500mm photo lens, and naked eyes
12. Distance to bird(s): Various distances - 3' to 35'

13. Duration of observation: He can be seen any time of day all day starting for a week in October of 2024, 1 day in November of 2024, and from December 15, 2024 to present (February 11, 2025).

14. Habitat: Rural area of Hammond in Tangipahoa Parish. Many pines and water oaks. Low yard with occasional standing water. Lots of overgrown "brush" areas.

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was first seen on October 1, 2024 feeding from firespike in the rain. He would drink from firespike, red turks cap, and feeders. (Since the snow and freezing temps he drinks from a potted pink turks cap, a potted shrimp plant, and another nectar plant that is potted. (I do not know the name of it.)) He perches in overgrown brushy areas or in a Vitex tree (near feeders) and chases other hummingbirds from the feeders. He also chases goldfinches, pine warblers, titmice, etc from the Vitex tree. He is very vocal when another bird gets close to "his" feeder. He often perches in an oak tree near the feeders where he is about 20' in the air and will "attack" birds that get near his feeders.

16. 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):

At our first observation of him I noticed first that he was bigger than the ruby-throated hummingbirds we had here. His back was to me at first and it was raining so I couldn't see his color very well. He turned toward me and I saw the flash of blue of his gorget feathers and the bright red/orange bill. He has a notch in a tail feather that I noticed in pictures from October 2024 and again in pictures from January 2025. That notch can be seen in a couple of the attached photos.

17. Voice: It's hard for me to describe the sound he makes, but it's very repetitive when he is perched. His sound reminds me of a ruby-crowned kinglet at times.

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

The only other hummingbird that I know of with a red bill is a buff-bellied hummingbird, but I knew this was not one because of the blue that flashed at me from his gorget and the lack of any buff color on him anywhere.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Photos taken by me are attached.

20. Previous experience with this species: We had a broad-billed hummingbird winter at a house we lived in (downtown Hammond) 20+ years ago.

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

My husband was able to identify the bird when looking at it. I was able to look at images of broad-billed hummingbirds online to compare what we had to what was shown online.

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes.

24. Date report completed:

February 11, 2024

25. 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

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

Yes





























