

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 male
3. Parish:
East Baton Rouge
4. Specific Locality:
Capital Heights, Baton Rouge US-LA (30.4408,-91.1436)
5. Date(s) when observed: Observed daily from 11/7/24-11/18/24
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Typically two visits around 7:30-8:30 a.m., then intermittently throughout the day at irregular intervals
7. Reporting observer: Gail Suberbielle
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Katherine Guglielmo observed the bird with me on Wednesday, Nov. 13
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Varies.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Sony A7RV, 200-600 FE 5.6-6.3 with 2 x teleconverter, Swarovski NL Pure 8 x 42 binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): Varies. Has been as close as 1 foot and as far as 30 feet.
13. Duration of observation: Bird typically visits for two to three minutes at a time. I have viewed it for an entire day at a time on several days since it appeared, and on other days I have only been able to watch for it for a few consecutive minutes.
14. Habitat: Backyard with three crape myrtles, one sweet olive, and many potted and planted plants, including blue salvia, cuphea, lantana, Crossandra, pentas, coral porterweed, and bougainvillea. Dense jasmine on two sides of the yard.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird has fed on salvia, cuphea, coral porterweed, and lantana, as well as one of three feeders, two on trees and one low on a shepherd's hook. He also has flown to the lower ledge of a large fountain twice to bathe and also appears to be catching bugs there. He has preened and

perched briefly on the jasmine or in one of the crape myrtle trees but rarely remains perched or in the yard.

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):

Pink/red bill, blue gorget, iridescent blue and green feathers. Have documented daily with photographs.

17. Voice:

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

Distinctive appearance eliminates other species.

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

Photographs attached, taken by me (Gail Suberbielle). (Tried to give a good variety of locations and behaviors.) Have taken hundreds of photos over the past 11 days.

20. Previous experience with this species: A male broad-billed hummingbird was spotted in my yard in late October/early November 2000 and subsequently banded by Erik Johnson. That bird was also observed by Van Remsen, Jane Patterson, Collette Dean, and others.

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

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

11/18/24

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















