

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> .

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

3. Louisiana - Parish: Jefferson Parish

Specific Locality: Marrero woodlot at the corner of Ames Blvd. and Ehret Road
Coordinates:

4. Date(s) when observed: 2/17/2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed: @ 9:45 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Joan M. Garvey
1320 New York St.
New Orleans, LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
James. Beck, Linda Kingsland, Chris Chruthris, Nancy Newfield

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny but in a deciduous woodlot and the bird was mostly in the upper canopy.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss Victory SF 10 x 42

11. Distance to bird(s): @ 25 ft. on average

12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes total

13. Habitat: Mixed woodland with some Live Oak but the bird was typically seen on bare branches of deciduous trees and bare vines.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird appeared to be gleaning something from the leaves and branches but it wasn't apparent what was eaten. At one point the bird appeared to be attempting to leaf bathe but it seemed the leaves were dry. The bird would fly in and then fly out. The bird was periodically chattering and calling but I am not familiar with the song though I am familiar with Buff bellied and this was very different.

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*): The bird was emerald green above on the head and dorsal surface with a glittering sapphire blue gorget which extended down to green sides, breast and belly. The bird had a bright red broad-based bill with a dark tip. The tail was a dark bluish black with a deep notch unlike the long rufous-colored tail of a Buff-bellied.

16. Voice: Chit notes sometimes strung together, very unlike the loud sharp tchiking of a Buff-bellied.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Only bird close is a Buff-bellied which has a greenish-blue throat and pale belly with a long rufous-colored tail and narrower bill. It's call is unmistakably different as well.

18. Photos taken by Joan M. Garvey with a Canon 7D camera 300mm lens.

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen a Broad-billed in hand when accompanying Nancy Newfield banding hummingbirds

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

a. at time of observation: none needed

b. after observation: Hummingbirds of North America

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?

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| | notes made after the observation. | At what date? | |
| 1 | memory | | |
| 1 | study of images | | |

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

Yes

23. Date: 2/17/2016 Time: 9:45 a.m.

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? yes.

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

