

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cyanthus latirostris*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1, immature (HY) female (probably)
3. Parish: Lafayette  
Specific Locality: Jeanne Plaisance residence, 117 Washitta Rd., Lafayette, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: 27 Nov 2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:40 – 10:45

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

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| Reporting observer: Erik I. Johnson |
| City: Sunset                        |
| State: LA                           |

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): On 26 November, Jeanne Plaisance reported the bird (apparently noticed while changing out hummingbird feeders) to Katie Barnes, a neighbor, who passed the word to me. I passed the word to Dave Patton, who went by Jeanne's place in the afternoon and photographed the bird visiting a feeder. He also set up dummy cages as we prepared to trap the bird on 27 November.

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Jeanne Plaisance, Katie Barnes, Dave Patton.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): When I arrived at 8:30, a wet cold front was lingering – it was still lightly raining – but there was lots of hummingbird activity, and the bird along with several Ruby-throats

and a Rufous/Allen's were actively visiting feeders and chasing. It began clearing soon after.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Vortex Razor ED binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s): 50 feet initially, bird caught and banded

12. Duration of observation: off and on for about 30 minutes before we set up the cage. The bird was caught within 20 minutes of setting the trap.

13. Habitat: Residential

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Feeding at hummingbird feeder, involved in chases with *Archilochus* (especially several Ruby-throats).

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*):

A large hummingbird and very animated while hovering at the feeder. Did a lot of tail flicking and was large-bodied, large-tailed, and long-billed (with a slight decurve). The white post-ocular stripe was quickly apparent, bordered toward the front by a dark dusky-gray patch. The underparts were dusky pale gray and plain. The back was greenish. Tail was dark. In the hand it was bluish with hints of green, especially in the central rectices and the bases of r2-5. The base of the mandible was red, but the rest of the bill was blackish. In hand, I could see corrugations along 70% of the maxilla (indicating an immature bird), and there was body molt and obvious pins (also noted in Dave's pictures from yesterday), but no wing or tail molt. In other words, it appeared to be very early in what is assumed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> winter molt. As such, it's not impossible this could turn out to be a immature male, but we thought the amount of white in the tip of r5 was a closer match to female illustrated in Pyle (1997), and along with the limited red in the bill and amount of green in the tail also supported female.

16. Voice: chattering much like a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, but more mechanical-sounding.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): White-eared Hummingbird would have a shorter, straighter bill, with more distinct white-black pattern in the face, and more color in the underparts.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, in-hand photos attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: Very little. I've seen an over-wintering adult male during 2010-2011 in neighbor's (Elaine Bourque) yard. As a new addition to the winter hummingbird banding scene, it's a bird I've been studying in books, anxious for an opportunity like this. This is my first observation of this species in a non-adult-male plumage.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley Guide to North American Birds, Pyle (1997) Volume 1 Guide to North American Birds.

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | notes made during the observation. | Are notes attached? | Yes, banding datasheet included |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | notes made after the observation.  | At what date?       |                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | memory                             |                     |                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | study of images                    |                     |                                 |

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

23. Date: 27 November 2019

Time: 8:25 pm

24. 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  
If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes









Broad-billed!

Band # M151904 Species BBLN Bander EW Color Mark: whi yel pnk blu pur orn grn  
 Date Banded 27-Nov-2019 Site J. Plaisance Lati-Long \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Detected \_\_\_\_\_ Date Departed \_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fat 1 Bill Corrugations 70 % Age H4 Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Ova \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primaries: All Present \_\_\_\_\_ W F or Missing: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ % 2 \_\_\_\_\_ % 3 \_\_\_\_\_ % 4 \_\_\_\_\_ % 5 \_\_\_\_\_ % 6 \_\_\_\_\_ % 7 \_\_\_\_\_ % 8 \_\_\_\_\_ % 9 \_\_\_\_\_ % 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rectrices: All Present \_\_\_\_\_ W F or Missing: R1 \_\_\_\_\_ % R2 \_\_\_\_\_ % R3 \_\_\_\_\_ % R4 \_\_\_\_\_ % R5 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 L1 \_\_\_\_\_ % L2 \_\_\_\_\_ % L3 \_\_\_\_\_ % L4 \_\_\_\_\_ % L5 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Contour: No Molt \_\_\_\_\_ or Crown \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Rump \_\_\_\_\_ Gorget \_\_\_\_\_ Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Belly \_\_\_\_\_ Wing Coverts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Measurements: Exposed Culmen 22.17 mm Wing Chord 49.26 mm  
 Tail 32.03 mm [Selasphorus R1 \_\_\_\_\_ mm R2 \_\_\_\_\_ mm R5 \_\_\_\_\_ mm] Weight 3.5 g  
 Documentation: Video \_\_\_\_\_ Photos \_\_\_\_\_ Feathers Collected R1 \_\_\_\_\_ R2 \_\_\_\_\_ R5  Gorget \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks \_\_\_\_\_ LBRC \_\_\_\_\_ Scribe \_\_\_\_\_

Repeat: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_ Fat \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ g Color Mark: whi yel pnk blu pur orn grn  
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