

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](#) (*Cyanthus latirostris*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): [1 male in nearly finished preformative molt](#)
3. Parish: [St. Landry](#)
Specific Locality: [Denise LaHaye residence, 2.0 mi ENE of Leonville, LA](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [27 September 2024. The host reported seeing it the day before and the next day, but not on 29 September or afterwards.](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [7:45 am](#)
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Erik I. Johnson
City: Sunset
State: Louisiana
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Denise LaHaye, Katie Barnes](#)
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [Unknown](#)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [sunny – bird was in the understory of a yard in morning light](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [Vortex 10x42 Razor binoculars, good condition; Samsung A52 cell phone for photos](#)

11. Distance to bird(s): caught in cage-style trap and banded

12. Duration of observation: About 5 minutes to band the bird. It took maybe about 5 minutes to the catch the bird.

13. Habitat: Residential/suburban.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): There were about a dozen hummingbird feeders in a cluster, and we removed all but three (including the one with the trap) so that Ruby-throats had a couple of other options. We gently nudged the Broad-billed away from the free feeders so that it would pursue the one in the trap. It quickly did and the bird was captured, promptly removed, and placed in a bird bag for banding. When it was released, it flew up about 40 feet into a nearby cypress tree, chattering along the way.

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*): Bright blue throat, green upper parts, green chest and belly, white vent, red base to maxilla, extensive red in mandible. Tail dark blue. Primaries were molted to p5, p6 was 20% new, and p7-10 were retained. It had 50% of its rump, 70% of its back, and 90% of its gorget replaced with adult plumage. All rectrices were old (juvenile). There were still a few white feathers around the throat and face. It was extremely lean with trace fat and a noticeably protruding keel.

Band #M52400; wing: 50.0 mm; exposed culmen: 21.0; tail length 32.4 mm; weight: 3.2 g

16. Voice: During approaches to the feeders, it gave mechanical kinglet-like rattle.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Lacked white stripe behind eye to eliminate White-eared. Dark blue tail and green belly eliminates Buff-bellied.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen several times in Louisiana, including a couple banded. Saw many (the dominant hummingbird) during a recent trip to SE AZ (spring 2021).

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?	Banding data collected during observation provided above
	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: 5 January 2025

Time: 3:00 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



