

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: Black-headed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus melanocephalus*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 immature/female type

3. Parish: Cameron

Specific Locality: overgrown lot east of town of Cameron

4. Date(s) when observed: December 22, 2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:24 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Gary Broussard
City:
State:

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Melvin Weber

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, good angle

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D7200 w/500mm lens

11. Distance to bird(s): 20-25 feet

12. Duration of observation: several minutes

13. Habitat: overgrown brushy lot on the edge of town

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird responded to Screech Owl tape.

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*):

roughly cardinal-sized Rose-breasted/Black-headed-type grosbeak in female-type plumage (dark auriculars on pale face, dark crown stripes) with buffy underparts with sparse narrow streaking on flanks and sides of breast. white between auriculars and buff of throat, buff running onto nape and back of white supercilia. lower mandible pale, upper dark. rest of bird like female of either species. underwings with lemon yellow (photo).

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): extent of buff on underparts and face, fine streaking, dark upper mandible, yellow underwing should eliminate Rose-breasted.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): yes, by me. Attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: seen many times out west, also had a possible hybrid (similar plumage to this bird but with white rump) at feeder at home in breaux bridge a few years ago.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: yes. Fieldmarks of this species, no sign of hybrid.

23. Date: 1/3/20

Time:

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

