

# 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: **Black-headed Grosbeak** (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*)  
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
**One female.**

3. Parish: **Plaquemine**  
Specific Locality: **Diamond**

4. Date(s) when observed: **10 Feb 2019**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **7:45am**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <b>Daniel Lane</b>
City: <b>Baton Rouge</b>
State: <b>LA</b>

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Eamon Corbett, Van Remsen, Jack Rogers.**

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **Found in previous weeks, I'm not sure who all observed it, but Dave Muth was one.**

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Early morning light. Clear, fairly unobstructed view.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Leica 10x40.**

11. Distance to bird(s): **About 200 ft.**

12. Duration of observation: **Brief, perhaps only about 30 sec or so.**

13. Habitat: Disturbed woodland edge and field.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Attracted with scold playback. Perched up for only a brief moment, then flew into woodland and not found again.

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 female-plumaged Pheucticus with orange wash to chest and neck side, pencil thin streaking on flanks and across breast. Blackish maxilla, silvery mandible. Mask and crown stripes blackish. No black on wing coverts, suggesting female rather than 1<sup>st</sup> year male. White wingbars, base to primaries, and tertial tips.

16. Voice: None heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Only similar species is Rose-breasted Grosbeak, a female of which would have a pinkish bill, browner head pattern, less saturated orange (if any) on underparts, and broader streaking, more like Purple Finch.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by me and Jack Rogers. See eBird List: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S52596965>

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive, primarily in western US and Mexico. One previous observation in Louisiana.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

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"/>

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| X | memory          |
| X | study of images |

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

23. Date: 3 Feb 2020

Time: 9:30pm

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

