

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):
One female in adult (?) plumage

3. Parish:

Specific Locality: **St. Tammany Parish – 309 Rue Piper Slidell, LA**

4. Date(s) when observed:

First arrived 12/22/19 through bird count and past 1/1/2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Several times throughout the day, for several days

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Noel Venezia
City: Slidell
State: Louisiana

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

Linda Beall on 1.4.2020 when we were trying to band hummingbirds in the yard

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

As mentioned above, this was initially mis-identified

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Lighting varied over several days that the bird was viewed**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Canon 500 IS lens with Canon camera body; Steiner 42x10 binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):

35-50 feet

12. Duration of observation:

Over several days.

13. Habitat:

Backyard.

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

Feeding at the seed feeders and at the base of the feeder on the ground; flying into surrounding trees.

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*): **Initially this bird was misidentified as a Rose-Breasted Grosbeak female but is now corrected to Black-headed Grosbeak due to buff coloring of breast, lack of streaking on the upper breast and gray coloring to upper mandible.**

16. Voice:

N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Photos by Noel Venezia

19. Previous experience with this species:

Palm Spings 2003

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

Notified by LSU and CBC compiler to relook at the bird as possible Black-headed Grosbeak. Numerous photos available for re-evaluation.

b. after observation:

Birds of North America – National Geographic

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 type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

I feel this is now correct.

23. Date: **1.13.2020**

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







