

# 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, n/a, n/a

3. Parish: East Baton Rouge Parish

Specific Locality: Baton Rouge, Louisiana near Denham Springs

4. Date(s) when observed: September 10, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 6:00 pm cst

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Melanie L. Acosta
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): none

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): See attached photos. Sun was setting

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Wingspan Binoculars 10x42 - new

11. Distance to bird(s): 40 feet

12. Duration of observation: approximately 2 minutes

13. Habitat: Backyard with Oak tree backed up by grassy field and lined by wooded area

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Feeding on a Peanut Delight Suet Feeder. She was feeding in low light conditions and flew into the Oak tree. About 5 minutes later, she came back to the same feeder but more light was shining on the feeder. She fed about 45 seconds each time.

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*): When I observed her, I thought she was a female rose-breasted grosbeak but the coloring didn't seem accurate especially since the first sighting was in low light. After the light became better, I could see a buff to yellowish coloring on the breast/belly area. Prominent eyebrow could be seen.

16. Voice: I didn't hear any sounds.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): I was undecided about the female rose-breasted grosbeak so I posted a picture on the Louisiana Birds and Birdwatching Facebook page for help with ID. Erik Johnson, Director of the Bird Conservation Audubon Louisiana at National Audubon Society commented on the picture with an identification and Jane Patterson concurred with the Identification

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I have attached 3 pictures.

19. Previous experience with this species: None

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America and the Louisiana Birds and Birdwatching Facebook page.

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I initially thought it was a female rose-breasted grosbeak. After consulting the Stokes Field Guide, I didn't think it could be a Black-headed Grosbeak because of the location.

23. Date: September 11, 2020  
Time: 1:30 pm cst

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 \_\_\_\_\_



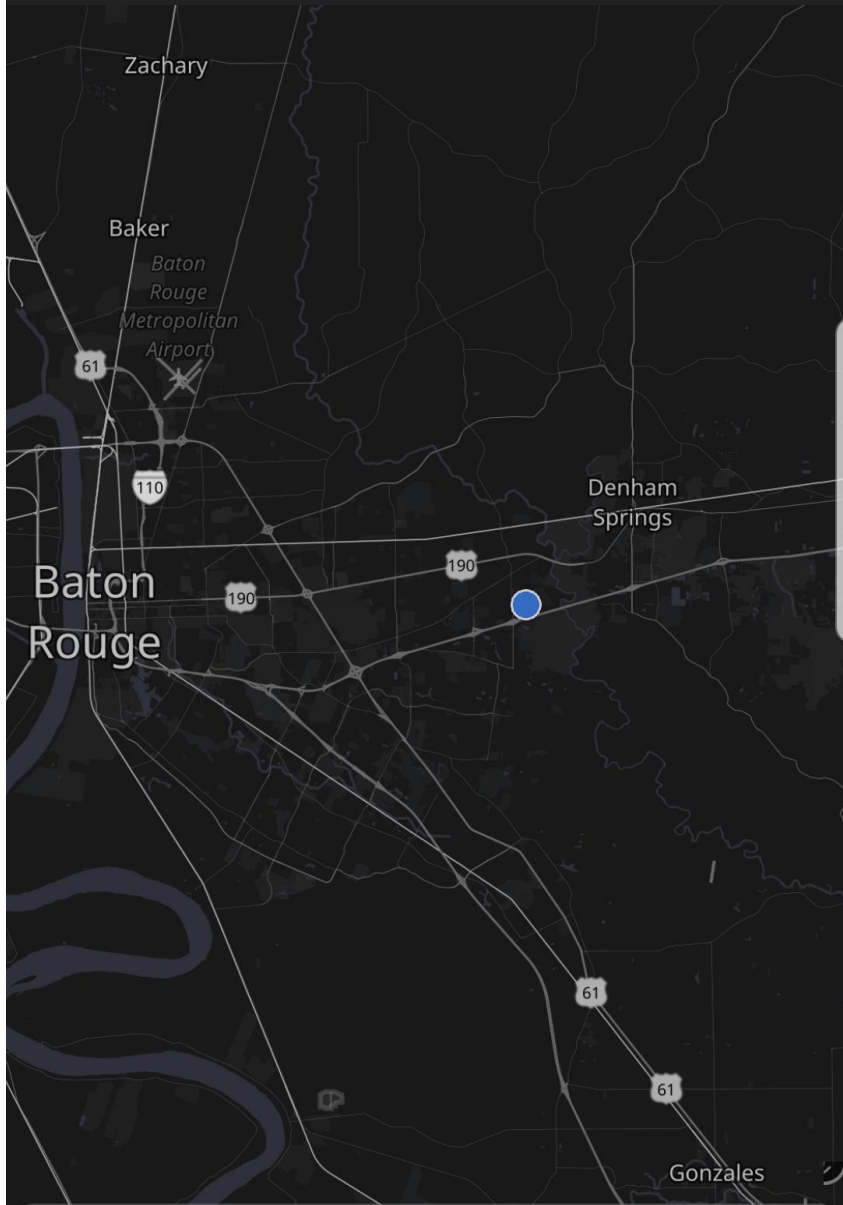







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