

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 1st winter male.
3. Parish: **East Baton Rouge**
Specific Locality: **2028 Ovid St**
4. Date(s) when observed: **31 Dec 2020**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **9:00**
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Dan Lane
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA
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): **Overcast, but good light**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **naked eye, camera, and 10x40 Zeiss**
11. Distance to bird(s): **10 m or so**
12. Duration of observation: **Less than 1 min**

13. Habitat: [Suburban back yard](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Flew in about 1m up from ground in brushy edge of yard, presumably dropped to ground to feed on seed, then flew up and behind shed, at which point I lost the bird.](#)

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*): [chunky grosbeak, size and shape of Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Burnt orange breast and flanks without streaking. Bold wingbars with black based greater coverts and tertials. Head stripes. Bicolored bill.](#)

16. Voice: [None given.](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Rose-breasted Grosbeak usually has some streaking on chest or flanks, more uniformly-colored bill. 1st winter RBGR usually has some suggestion of pink on breast and underwing coverts.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): [Photos attached below](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Extensive in western US, Mexico, and twice before 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"/>
<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: 31 December 2020

Time: 2:30pm

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 _____





