

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: *Blue-throated Mountain-Gem* (*Lampornis clemenciae*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *one female plumaged bird.*
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) East Baton Rouge
Specific Locality: Byerly-Walsh residence in Old Goodwood neighborhood
4. Date(s) when observed: *29 December 2021*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *first detected around 4:55pm, last detected around 5:30pm.*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science, Baton Rouge*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Gary Byerly, Maud Walsh*
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): *late evening around and after sunset, so poor light overall.*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *mostly naked eye and using my Nikon Coolpix P900.*
11. Distance to bird(s): *between 15 ft and about 50 yards.*
12. Duration of observation: *Total collapsed time about 1 min.*
13. Habitat: *suburban backyard with extensive bird-friendly plantings and feeders.*

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): *First detected by call as it flew unseen around rear of yard, then was spotted in mid-story of water oak at side of yard. Finally, it arrived at the feeders by house for three brief feedings. Difficult to see well.*

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): *Very large hummingbird with bold and large white corners to tail. Pale gray overall with white supercilium behind eye.*

16. Voice: *loud and distinctive "SEEK" heard often when bird was present.*

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): *Size, large white tail corners, and call eliminate the most confusable option: Rivoli's Hummingbird. Call and lack of rufous throat eliminate Amethyst-throated Mountain-Gem.*

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): *I got poor video with voice audible. Gary got one photo, but the bird has been photographed extensively by others before and after my visit. Gary's photo during my visit available here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S99661673>*

19. Previous experience with this species: *Fairly extensive in SE Arizona, west Texas, and Mexico. I had seen the species only about 4 days earlier in Oaxaca, Mexico.*

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: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); X memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: _____ Dan Lane _____ Date: 18 Jan 2022 Time: 4:00pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____ Yes _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? ____ Yes _____