

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: Blue-throated Mountain Gem *Lampornis clemenciae*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 female
3. Parish: EBR
Specific Locality: Gary Bylerly's yard
4. Date(s) when observed: Feb 5, 2022
5. Time(s) of day when observed: About 11:15am
6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Gary Byerly, Phil Whitlow
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Many - Donna Dittmann, Steve Cardiff, Van Remsen, Dan Lane; about 60 in all according to Gary.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Mostly sunny. Bird's favorite feeder was in direct sun.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski EL 12x50 bins; Nikon P900 camera.

11. Distance to bird(s): 6 feet.

12. Duration of observation: watched at feeder twice for about 45 seconds each time. Watched from below while perched in tree for a minute or two.

13. Habitat: Landscaped yard with oaks and other trees, lots of camelias, several hummer feeders.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): typical hummer behavior; came to feeder about every 15 minutes.

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*): Incredibly large hummingbird gray-green on dorsal without much noticeable iridescence. Paler gray on ventral side. Obvious white, diagonal streak behind eye. Long, slightly decurved bill. Very long wings extending to tip of tail when at rest. Tail large, darker than body. All dark when at rest but with white corners when open.

16. Voice: Gave a chip note very similar to a Tufted Titmouse "see" call.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Size eliminates almost every other hummer. Rivoli's eliminated by dark tail. Violetears eliminated by white stripe on head and pale gray ventral side. Mango shouldn't be confused with this species.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photo and audio recordings by me.

19. Previous experience with this species: Zero.

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

a. at time of observation: None/stakeout

b. after observation: None/stakeout

21. This description is written from:

memory

study of images

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

23. Date: Feb 18, 2022

Time: 9:49am

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_____



