

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 type*
3. Locality: Parish: East Baton Rouge
Specific Locality: Byerly residence, Goodwood neighborhood, Baton Rouge
4. Date(s) when observed: *11 January 2022*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *About 13:30*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Gary Byerly*
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): *numerous*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Bird seen at feeder in shade, under bright sunshine of clear sky*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *8-9 m*
12. Duration of observation: *5 sec*
13. Habitat: *Residential neighborhood; yard with many shrubby areas and bird-friendly plantings*

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Feeding at hummingbird feeder. I only saw the bird from the side as it perched on the feeder nectaring.](#)

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): [A *large* hummingbird \(would dwarf Ruby-throat or Rufous if adjacent; I saw both of those species in the yard at the time, but not side-by-side\). Long-tailed, and long-winged. Uniformly pale gray below, including throat, breast and belly, with no markings. Dull greenish above \(crown, nape, back\) with faint buff color on sides of rump \(only saw bird from the side\). Distinct and conspicuous whitish postocular stripe bordering indistinct greenish auriculars, which border pale grayish malar and throat.](#)

16. Voice: [Not known to be vocal when I was present](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Only other huge hummingbird likely to be considered north of Mexico is Rivoli's, which lacks a large and conspicuous pale postocular stripe.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [No, my observation was too brief.](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Have seen plenty in Arizona, but it's been a few years.](#)

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

a. at time of observation: [none](#)

b. after observation: [none](#)

21. This description is written from: X notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); memory; images taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: [Yes](#)

23. Date: 1 April 2022 Time: 2200

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 _____