

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 [formerly Blue-throated Hummingbird] <i>Lampornis clemenciae</i>
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 adult female
3. Locality: State: Louisiana Parish: East Baton Rouge Specific locality: 7113 Joliet Av, Baton Rouge, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: January 28, 2022
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 9:30AM to 10:30AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): Also present: Homeowner Gary Byerly; bander Nancy L Newfield, Seth Nehrbass.
8. Other observers who <i>independently identified</i> the bird(s): Many other observers on multiple other dates.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Partly cloudy. Bird stayed in mostly shaded area alongside the house.
10. Optics: Tom - 10x42 Bushnell Trophy XLT binoculars; Sony DSC-H50 Digital Camera. Nancy - Swarovski 10x42 EL binoculars. Seth - Nikon Coolpix P1000 camera - wide-125 power optical lens (equiv.135 24-300mm) [no binocs].
11. Distance to bird(s): As close as 5 feet away, up to around 15 feet away. A rather calm bird to allow us to get so close.
12. Duration of observation: About an hour.
13. Habitat: Bushes, small trees, side of house.
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): a lot of flying around (noticeably slow wingbeat for a hummingbird); feeding at feeder; resting; staying calm and being quite cooperative.
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, <i>not what "should" have been seen</i> ; 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): Large hummingbird – near 6" in length with noticeably slow wingbeats for a hummingbird. The only other species around this size is Rivoli's which we were able to rule out due to vocalizations. The Blue-throated was extremely vocal and loud (see voice below). All gray below, iridescent green above (crown and back) with white "eyebrow" and cheek strip, and slightly decurved bill. Tail dark with white corners.
16. Voice: "seeet seeet" – often in pairs and triplets
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Rivoli's Hummingbird. Vocals are different. Both species are extremely rare here. Only one record of Rivoli's (at that time that record was Magnificent Hummingbird).
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Seth Nehrbass.
19. Previous experience with this species: Nancy Newfield has previous experience in Louisiana, Texas & Arizona.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): iBird; eBird; Whatbird – at both time of observation and after observation.
21. This description is written from: [] notes made during the observation ([]notes attached?) [] notes made after the observation (date: _____); [X] memory – and review of photographs.
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Absolutely certain.
23. Signature of reporter: <i>Thomas Trenchard</i> Date/Time: 2/7/2022 10PM
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? [X]Yes []No
If yes, may we include your name with the report? [X]Yes []No