

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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1. English and Scientific names: Dark-Eyed Junco, Junco hyemalis
possible hybrid cross with Pink-Sided and Oregon Subspecies
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Parish: Terrebonne Parish
Specific Locality: 3719 Bayou Black Drive, Houma, LA 70360
4. Date(s) when observed: Monday, November 16, 2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 4 – 4:30 PM
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Lynn Ostheimer
City: Houma
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): Sunny Day. The light was on the birds left causing dappled shade on the ground under large tree.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Binoculars – 10 x 42, Camera – Canon Power Shot SX50HS
11. Distance to bird(s): Approximately 20 – 25 feet

12. Duration of observation: He kept moving around on the ground for about 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Wooded area between the Intra-Coastal Waterway and Swamp. Adjacent to large Sugar Cane field. Cane was cut recently.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Saw movement in the leaves beneath the large trees near a large brush pile. He kept moving around on the ground searching. Did not see him feed.

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*):

As I entered the area I saw and heard no activity at first. I then noticed movement in the fallen leaves beneath the large tree. On first observation I was thinking Junco because of pale beak. I had seen the slate ones in North Carolina. The additional coloring was nothing I had seen before.

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

I eliminated the slate colored junco because I had seen them before. Never realized they had sub species. The beak was a give away for me.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by me, Lynn Ostheimer. I was very anxious when I realized this was a lifer for me. Therefore the pictures aren't great.

19. Previous experience with this species: I had only seen the slate colored in North Carolina every year for years.

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

Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern & Central America

Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Western North America

National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America

The Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds

ABA Bird Finding Guide to Louisiana

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: Emails with photos to David Booth, Paul Conover. Paul emailed Donna Dittman, Steve Cardiff and Daniel Lane.

Comments from emails:

David Booth said: It does look like the Rocky Mt subspecies, Pink-sided Junco

Donna Dittman said: A very interesting junco for sure, and not a slate-colored (I don't think cismontanus). Probably a hybrid with pink-sided in it. The darker chest that gives it a more hooded appearance and brown crown/nape is not good for a pure pink-sided.

Daniel Lane said: It sure looks like a good candidate for a Pink-sided Junco, but I can't see enough detail to be able to say with certainty

Steve Cardiff said: I agree with Donna- not a pure Pink-sided, probably a hybrid Pink-sided X Oregon. Very cool bird! Will do more research and get junco experts to weigh in

Paul Conover said: It's a cool-looking junco

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes based on experts details in question 20b above.

23. Date: 11/20/2020

Time: 5:50pm

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 _____









