

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: Green-breasted Mango
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 immature female
3. Parish: Terrebonne
Specific Locality: Schriever
4. Date(s) when observed: 03 Feb 2024

5. Time(s) of day when observed: morning, from dawn until perhaps 9 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul Edward Conover
City:
State:

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): many

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): many; bird banded as well

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): fine; intermittent rain and overcast, but even in the twilight sighting I could see what the bird was with naked eye.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 12 x binos, 20-60 zoom scope

11. Distance to bird(s): 20 yards or so

12. Duration of observation: several hours

13. Habitat: suburban yard with extensive plantings and many hummingbird feeders

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird came in for feedings, and after a while I was able to follow the bird back to its perches in the back of the yard. I was able to watch through scope as it perched, preened, and battled with other hummers in perching area.

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*):

Many photos exist, but in short, a large, stocky hummer with a thick, strongly decurved bill. Metallic medium green above, narrowly white below between broad metallic green flanks, with strong irregular median stripe (broken in places along its length). Rusty feathering on throat on either side of median stripe, and some rusty markings along flanks. Tail with rufous outer rectrices with broad white tips, solidly colored central rectrices (not sure how many pairs).

Bill showed what appeared to be marked deformity on its basal third or half, visible in photos.

Sexed as female by visible incoming female rectrix, aged as immature by presence of rusty color on underparts.

Dot of paint on forehead.

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): other mango species would be beyond my knowledge; I guess that other mangos would require a long overwater flight to reach LA, which might be possible, but difficult. I assume NLN looked for diagnostic marks or measurements when banding this bird.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Mine attached. Many others took much better.

19. Previous experience with this species: None, except in book study.

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes, assuming that other mangos can be eliminated.

23. Date: 10 March 2024

Time:





