

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: **Green-breasted Mango** *Anthracothorax prevostii*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1

3. Locality: (parish) ___Terrebonne_____

Specific Locality: ___Schriever___(See E-Bird Green-Breasted Mango site listed at Shriever)

4. Date(s) when observed: 12/28/2023 But it was observed a few weeks prior before not being noticed for a time. Subsequently seen and photos collected on 1/26/2024.

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 08:30 through 10:03

6. Reporting observer and address: Matthew Dell 17237 St Gertrude Covington, LA 70435

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Nancy Newfield, Hayes Bailly and Diana Bailly

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): My images were shared on E-Bird and accepted by Steve Cardiff. Also shared with James Beck and Erik Johnson via text/email as it was happening. Viewed by numerous other birders.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright sun – the angle varied as the bird was seen many times and it was captured, banded and released. See also attached photos.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon 7D Mk II with 150-600mm Sigma contemporary lens mounted on tri-pod with gimbalhead.

11. Distance to bird(s): Varied. Photos about 40 feet.

Actually, the bird was within a couple of feet and even had direct contact during capturing and banding.

12. Duration of observation: Numerous sightings at feeders over 1.5 hours and several minutes of very close observation while banding. Subsequent sighting also was a couple of hours.

13. Habitat: Open yard with a sparse Crepe Myrtle tree near the patio for perching. This yard has numerous nectar-producing plants (most notably a huge number of BottleBrush.) are maintained year round – particularly Bottle Brush. The bird perched several times in a Crepe Myrtle tree within 15 yards of where I was seated with a camera and tripod.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The flight was unusual – the home owner described it as resembling a flying shrimp which I found to be pretty accurate. The use of its unusual tail is distinctive in how this bird flies and the tail flares. We saw it in flight back and forth. We saw it hovering at feeders. We saw it being chased from a particular feeder by several Black-chinned and also a Rufous. It did manage to perch in the tree a few times.

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):

This bird was easy to spot among the other hummingbirds which were present in this yard due to its much larger size, its flight and also its oddly shaped and colored tail which it flared frequently. The color is pretty bright and only slightly similar to the back of a Ruby-throated in some lighting, but very different in most.

Also, the belly markings are unique.

16. Voice: I only heard one vocalization which was difficult to describe. Similar, but was obviously from a larger bird than the other hummingbirds in the vicinity. Sadly, I was not able to record it.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): There is nothing similar to this bird here. All other hummingbirds were tiny in comparison.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I took numerous photos and will include a few:







Note that this is in the hand of Nancy Newfield - a federally licensed hummingbird bander.

Following images are from 01/26/2024:





19. Previous experience with this species: None. I looked it up when I was contacted to assist with the banding effort so I would be somewhat familiar.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Prior and again after: All About Birds website, Wikipedia and Sheri Williamson's Hummingbirds of North America.

a. at time of observation: Nancy Newfield and I saw it together.

b. after observation: E-Bird <https://ebird.org/checklist/S157371720>

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); _____ memory. Mostly from photos taken during the event along with memories supported by my notes for our E-Bird entry which I started shortly after the banding. Nancy has the banding data.

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

Yes. I was with Nancy Newfield – whom I regard as very well qualified to identify hummingbirds. We saw it plainly. We took good photos. We banded it. It checks out in references and several ornithologists have seen the images and information while also being aware that the bird had been seen at that location.

23. Signature of reporter: *Matthew Dell*

_____ Date: 12/31/2023 _____ Time: 13:00 _____

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. My photos have watermarks by default. _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes _____