

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:

Dark-eyed Junco/ Gray-headed Junco, *Junco hyemalis caniseps*

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

One, adult male

3. Parish: Caddo

Specific Locality: 561 Dunmoreland Dr, Shreveport, LA 71106

4. Date(s) when observed:

This bird was first photographed by William Childs January 30, 2021, who lives at the address cited above. He says it was there a few days before he took the photo but he has no record of those dates. It was last observed March 1, 2021 by William. It was observed at this location on many days between the date of the first observation and the last observation on March 1.

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Seen during daylight hours.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jeff Trahan, 505 Americana Dr
City: Shreveport
State: LA

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

William Childs

Kathryn Childs

Jean Trahan

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):

This bird was seen by me in the middle of the day on more than one day. Light conditions vary from day to day.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

600 mm f/2.8 Canon mounted on a Canon 1 DX Mark II camera body.

10x Swarovski binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):

This distance varied, but when I took the accompanying photos, the distance varied from about three to four meters.

12. Duration of observation:

About two hours on the day I took the photos

13. Habitat:

Suburban backyard with bird feeder and mowed grass. The area is somewhat hilly with many houses and pine trees.,

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

My observation of this bird was that it came to eat seeds that had fallen on the ground from the raised bird feeder. It would leave for a while and then return to eat seeds again. It did this many 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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

See the photos submitted with this report.

16. Voice:

I did not hear it speak.

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

This bird was very similar to the Yellow-eyed Junco (*Junco plaenotus*) except that the Yellow-eyed Junco has yellow eyes while this bird dark eyes.

It is also very similar to the Red-backed Junco (*Junco hyemalis dorsalis*), but the Red-backed Junco has a dark upper bill. Upper and lower bills of this individual are both light colored.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

I took photos of this individual February 21, 2021 which are attached to the same email that this report is attached to.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have no previous experience with this subspecies of the Dark-eyed Junco.

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

a. at time of observation:

The Sibley Guide to Birds, David Sibley

b. after observation:

Sparrows of the United States and Canada, James D Rising
Sparrows and Buntings, Clive Byers, Jon Curson and Urban Olsson

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 type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes

23. Date:

Time:

Date and time of what?

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 _____











