

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-tailed Towhee <i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>	
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 adult (probable male, but not definitive since sexes are similar)	
3. Locality: LOUISIANA Parish: Acadia Specific locality: Leger Rd, about 0.5 miles south of Mark Twain Rd., near tree line where it meets the road.	
4. Date(s) when observed: Wednesday, December 7, 2011	
5. Time(s) of day when observed: appx 12 noon.	
6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com	
7. <u>Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):</u> Glenn Ousset; Mary Mehaffey.	
8. <u>Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):</u> Several other birders identified this bird on previous days. Details of where to find the bird were given by Jeff Harris.	
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent – partly cloudy day so sunlight was good, and behind us – bird was well lit.	
10. Optics: Tom-10x42 Bushnell ; Glenn-Zeiss 10x42	
11. Distance to bird(s): About 10 feet	
12. Duration of observation: Less than half a minute.	
13. Habitat: Brushy area adjacent to tree line, next to side of road.	
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was rather elusive earlier, only calling back when playing its call on MP3 player, although easily identifiable. We left, then returned a while later, and played Bewick's Wren vocalization, which the bird responded to by popping up briefly in clear view.	
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): Complete bird seen, with all fieldmarks clearly visible: rusty/rufous crown, grayish to dirty whitish below with white throat, green wings and tail, conical sparrow-like bill. Passerine about the size of a cardinal – 7.5 inches or so.	
16. Voice: "mewing" call.	
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): No other species similar. Other towhees on state list (Eastern and Spotted) not even close.	
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Unable to obtain – bird did not stay "popped up" long enough.	
19. Previous experience with this species: None by submitter; M. Mehaffey has seen out west (outside of Louisiana).	
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):	
a. at time of observation: N/A	
b. after observation: N/A	
21. This description is written from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during the observation (<input type="checkbox"/> notes attached?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after the observation (date: 12/8/11); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> memory. [All of the above.]	
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certainty. Nothing else resembles this species.	
23. Signature of reporter: Tom Trenchard Date/Time: 12/11/11 3:00PM	
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, may we include your name with the report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	