

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-tailed Towhee \(*Pipilo chlorurus*\)](#)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
[One, unknown age/sex.](#)

3. Parish: [Cameron](#)

Specific Locality: [Jimmie Savoie Rd., 4.5 mi WSW of Creole, LA](#)

4. Date(s) when observed: [18 January 2025](#)

5. Time(s) of day when observed: [5:25 pm](#)

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Erik I. Johnson
City: Sunset
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [None, I was birding solo.](#)

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [Found during Creole CBC by Rob Dobbs and Paul Klerks. See by others that day \(e.g., Chris Brantley, Heydi Lopes\). I know others have seen/heard it \(e.g., Katie Barnes, James Smithers, Van Remsen, and probably lots of others\).](#)

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Clear, 10 mph winds. Bird was heard only.](#)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [Recording with Samsung FE23](#)

smartphone in excellent condition.

11. Distance to bird(s): I was as close as 30 feet from the bird. First heard a good 100 ft away.

12. Duration of observation: About 10 minutes.

13. Habitat: Scrub dominated by *Iva frutescens*.

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

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*):
Heard only.

16. Voice: Heard giving squeaky, nasal "tuaw" call. [Audio](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Not as much of a growl as Spotted Towhee, and not as clean and rising as Eastern Towhee. A pretty distinctive call, and I can't place anything else that sounds very similar.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: I saw and heard about a dozen during the big GTTO outbreak into LA about 15 years ago, and have since seen/heard a few out west.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: Merlin.

b. after observation: None.

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		

study of images (recordings)

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

23. Date: 22 February 2025

Time: 9:50 am

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