

# 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 (*Pipilo chlorurus*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **At least one (possibly 2?) bird, not seen well enough to assess age, but looked definitive.**
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cameron** \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Locality: \_\_\_\_\_ **Jimmy Savoie Rd** \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date(s) when observed: **16 Jan 2025**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **about 12:15pm-1:00pm, 3:30pm-4:15pm.**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science, Baton Rouge, LA.**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Van Remsen, Marybeth Lima, Ashish Jha, Claire and Tom Hanson**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Many**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Bright sun overhead and later from west. Lighting generally fair to good.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10x40**
11. Distance to bird(s): **from about 4 yards to 20 yards**
12. Duration of observation: **seen for only a few seconds. Heard more extensively (maybe 10 min)**
13. Habitat: **Dense Baccharis with some Live Oaks.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Very skulky, and often disappearing only to reappear unexpectedly far away, usually detected by call first. Only somewhat responsive to playback (usually calling, not showing). Stayed low in dense Baccharis brush, only on a couple of occasions hopping up into view.**

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): **Large sparrow-like bird. Olive back, wings, tail (which was long). Grayish below and on face, with some white markings on throat. Crown color not seen well enough to say.**

16. Voice: **Regularly gave cat-like mew call. Recording here:**  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S209541579>

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Not much is similar in shape in color.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Sound recording, see above.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Fairly extensive in ID, CA, AZ, CO, TX, and previously in LA on two occasions.**

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
**none**

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_notes attached?); \_\_\_\_\_notes made after the observation (date:\_\_\_\_\_);  
  X   memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter:   Daniel Lane   Date:   29 January 2025   Time:   3:15pm  

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website?   Yes

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

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