

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 of unknown sex and age.

3. Parish: Vermilion

Specific Locality: South End of Prairie Rd

4. Date(s) when observed: November 28, 2022 and December 5, 2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:30-3:40 pm on 11/28; 10:15-10:30 am on 12/5

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

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| Reporting observer: Phillip Wallace |
| City: Abbeville                     |
| State: LA                           |

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None on 11/28; Paul Conover, Mac Myers, and Dave Patton on 12/5

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): Good on 11/28 with sun behind observer; fair to poor on 12/5

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle 8x42 bins

11. Distance to bird(s): 10-20 yards

12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes on 11/28; 15 minutes on 12/5

13. Habitat: Edge of hardwood forest across from a canal.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Responding to EASO mob tape; flicking wings on 12/5.

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*): Empid with olive upper parts and darker wings with white wing bars; long primary extension; white eye-ring more pronounced at the rear of the eye; bright yellow breast with darker streaking toward the flanks; bill mostly horn-colored.

16. Voice: None

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Wing flicking is indicative of the species. Conover keyed out the wings in the field and concluded that it matched Hammond's.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Wallace from the 11/28 observation accompany this report. Specimen by Conover deposited with LSUMZ. Patton also has photos from 12/5.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen at least once out west (eastern Oregon).

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley and Audubon Master Guide to Birding.

21. This description is written from:

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| <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: No. I hope that experts at the Museum are able to confirm the ID from the specimen.

23. Date: December 9, 2022

Time: 9:00 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





















