

## LBRC Report Form

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, Adult, do not know sex, Grey head, olive back, wing bars, bold oval eye ring.
3. Parish:  
St. Tammany
4. Specific Locality:  
19170 Antenor St., Mandeville, LA 70471
5. Date(s) when observed: September 14, 2024 and possibly the 15th but not in my backyard but down by the canal that goes through my neighborhood. Very brief look at an *Empidonax* flycatcher with bold eye ring and two wing bars. I was not able in the seconds it landed to get a good look at that time to determine if it was the same bird.
6. Time(s) of day when observed: September 14, 2024
7. Reporting observer: Claire Thomas
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
none
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
none
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was in the shade of trees in my backyard. Cloudy, overcast
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Binoculars: Canon Image stabilizer 10x42 LIS WP 6.5", Camera: Panasonic DMC-FZ200, 25-600mm, F2.8
12. Distance to bird(s): 50ft
13. Duration of observation: 3-5 minutes
14. Habitat: Residential backyard, pine/hardwood, backyard bog area

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird seen flycatching from low branches of a sasanqua bush and perching in low branches. I was on my deck that overlooks the backyard. Bird flew out and back one or two times then moved a few feet north and did some more flycatching. Flew over the fence and was gone.

16. 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):

Small Empidonax flycatcher with grey head, bold oval shaped eyering, olive back, two wing bars, solid black small bill, long primary projection and long tail. Yellow wash on flanks and undertail. Notched tail.

17. Voice: Did not vocalize

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

Eliminated Dusky and Grey by primary projection as these two have short primaries.

Eliminated Least due long primary projection and yellow wash on flanks. Too small for Pewee.

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

Photos: yes, by Claire Thomas

20. Previous experience with this species: none

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

Sent photos to LOS FB page for ID help, The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North American and The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North American, iBird Pro app. I also sent photos to Chris Brantley my eBird reviewer.

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

I am not positive as I am not an ornithologist and Empidonax Flycatchers are notoriously hard to ID. I do feel confident in the expertise of the individuals on LOS FB page to ID it. I feel they helped get me closer to the ID than I would have gotten myself.

24. Date report completed:

Sep. 19, 2024

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes















