

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
2. Saw 1 female. Heard 2 calling from across path.
3. Parish:  
Jefferson
4. Specific Locality:  
Location Grand Isle--woods--Lafitte Woods Preserve--LSU Tract--Cemetery
5. Date(s) when observed: 10.18.2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:24am and 12:48pm
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Mike Rhodes
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
William Matthews, Joan Garvey, Cathy DeSalvo, Mark Munier, Tu Wren
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear, in tree so some shade
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 Camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binnoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 30 - 50 feet
13. Duration of observation: 20-30 minutes
14. Habitat: Backyard with Oak Trees and other trees. Bird was in canopy. Backyard had birdbath.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was flitting around the tree canopy over my head.
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):

Yellow tanager with reddish wash on head and neck. No wingbars. Dark mark through eyes, grayish bill.

17. Voice: On first visit heard bird calling when I got out the car. Call matched the Merlin call. When walking the LSU tract, I could hear 2 birds calling from either side of the path. It was possible that someone was out there playing a call but feel that had not happened after speaking with the other birder there before me.

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
Summer Tanager. The female summer is more yellow and has a lighter bill.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):  
Photos by me. I missed getting a recording.

20. Previous experience with this species: I saw both the male and female Hepatic Tanager at the Davis Mountains Hummingbird Celebration in West Texas just this past August, 2023.

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

Birds originally found by David Muth and John Nelson. Other excellent birders with me also confirmed the bird. Merlin Sound ID also identified the call.

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

10.19.2023

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





