

# LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1, f-type plumage.
3. Parish:  
Jefferson Parish
4. Specific Locality:  
Grand Isle, LA 179 Landry Ln. in Turks Caps next to bed and breakfast
5. Date(s) when observed: Feb 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, Mar 1st
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Early morning and afternoon
7. Reporting observer: Jennie Leonard
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Shane Schopinsky (partner)
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Nick Ramsey, Jack Rogers, Robb Brumfield, Claire Thomas, Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion, Cham Mehaffey, Mary Mehaffey, Mitch Foret, Kathy Rhodes, William Matthews, Malise Prieto, Joan Garvey, Cathy DiSalvo
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full sun but photos appear dark because there is dense vegetation and trees shading the area.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Viper HD 10x42 Binoculars, Canon Rebel T6 with 150-600mm Sigma telephoto lens.
12. Distance to bird(s): About 4 yds. when I first saw it.
13. Duration of observation: A solid 2 minutes at the feeder and hopping around the shrubs in my backyard on the first day that I saw it.
14. Habitat: Turk caps in a residential neighborhood.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Vocalizing (chipping, rapid calling), feeding at my hummingbird feeder occasionally. Stay's in the same area all day. Responds to playback with "chetet" calls and staying perched in the area for a brief moment.

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):

Long tail compared to other orioles. Big in comparison to other yellow birds. Curved bill.

17. Voice: chipping, chattering, "chetet" calls.

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

Orchard Oriole and Baltimore Oriole. They are the only other Orioles I've ever seen, so when I saw the Hooded Oriole I felt a bit suspicious. One because its shape was more slender looking, and because it's in its winter plumage/immature/female.

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

Cham Mehaffey, Mary Mehaffey, Mitch Foret, Justin Bosler, William Bosler, Kathy Rhodes, Nick Ramsey, Jack Rogers, Claire Thomas, Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion, Robb Brumfield. Mitch Forets photos here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162905372>

20. Previous experience with this species: 0

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

Local birders, since I am from Connecticut and don't have any winter oriole experience.

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:

March 1st, 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



Jennie Leonard







