

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1, SY bird, sex unk, female type plumage/immature male

3. Parish: Jefferson

Specific Locality: Grand Isle, LA

4. Date(s) when observed: 2/21/23

5. Time(s) of day when observed: first around noon and second around 5 PM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion

City: New Orleans

State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

Jennie Leonard

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): numerous birders visited the site in the following week and concluded the same ID

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Midday, sunny conditions, but bird stayed in shade/dappled sunlight. Second observation occurred in late afternoon sun and was viewed from the west (so as not to be backlit)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Camera: Fujifilm X-T10, Lens XF150-600mmF5.6-8 R LM OIS WR (new)

Binoculars: Swarovski binoculars (10X42 good condition)

11. Distance to bird(s): ~5 meters

12. Duration of observation: first observation: 15-20 minutes, second observation: 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Maritime live oak, turk's cap, coming to hummingbird feeder.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Was on Grand Isle doing ACBS when Jennie Leonard sent a message to LA Rare Bird Alerts asking for an ID on an oriole at her feeder. She quickly followed up saying that birders on Facebook had ID'ed it as a HOOR. A couple of hours later I was invited to come scope out the bird. After sitting for about an hour, it finally emerged to visit the hummingbird feeder. It vocalized by chattering frequently. Spent a few minutes sipping nectar before it flew into some nearby shrubbery. Came out again briefly to feed again 10 minutes later.

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*):

Long-tailed yellow oriole, similar to immature OROR but larger than expected. Bill was very decurved and quite long compared to the overall head length. This especially stuck out to me compared to the bill shape and length of OROR. Gray above, no streaking on the back, thin white wing bars, and overall a very gray wash to the flanks.

16. Voice: Gave soft chattering calls

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

OROR: Bill was quite long, decurved and not straight or short like an OROR. Body size was bulkier, and the tail was quite long compared to its body length. Back and flanks much grayer where you'd expect OROR to appear greener.

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

Photos by me attached.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Saw many individuals in Belize.

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

b. after observation:

Cornell Lab, Sibley, overall consensus from LA RBA group chat.

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached? No
study of images

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

After studying the images I took and the images of other birders who viewed the bird later, coupled with the overwhelming consensus from other trusted birders, yes.

23. Date: 3/3/2024

Time: 18:03

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_____







