

Louisiana Ornithological Society's  
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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach Xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names:

Lesser Goldfinch

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

One – adult male.

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Rapides Parish in yard in Alexandria, LA.

4. Date(s) when observed:

February 10, 2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

9:00-9:30 AM CST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner  
428 Hickory Hill Drive  
Boyce, LA 71409

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

Mrs. Ruth B. (homeowner)

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Gary and Matt Pontiff and Mary and Cham Mehaffey

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Fair morning light with minimal shadows in shaded backyard.

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

Zeiss 10 x 42 Binoculars, Good Condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

20-30 Feet.

12. Duration of Observation:

13. Habitat:

Suburban back yard. Ornamental shrubs and live oak and maple trees.

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observations (flying, feeding, resting; including and stress habits in identification: relate events surrounding observation):

Feeding with American Goldfinches on various thistle feeders and drinking from water feature.

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):

Size of American Goldfinch but black upper body including top of head and face. Bright yellow below. White tipped coverlets. White undertail.

16. Voice:

Not Heard.

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

Male Lesser Goldfinch is distinct from other finches.

18. Photos/Recordings:

To be provided.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Numerous individuals seen in Texas, Arizona and California.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley's Field Guide

b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_notes made during the observation (notes attached?); \_\_\_notes made after the observation; \_\_\_x\_ memory.

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

Yes.

23. Signature of reporter \_\_\_Jay V. Huner\_\_\_ 2/26/16 7:55 PM

Report being delayed until bird leaves location to protect owner's privacy.

