

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: Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 individual, male, unsure of age as I have no experience aging these birds
3. Parish: Calcasieu
Specific Locality: SE of Lake Charles Private Property
4. Date(s) when observed: 22 January 2024
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Approximately 2:30 PM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jack Rogers
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
N/A
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
Kirsten Livingston
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast conditions allowed for even lighting throughout viewing period
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Leica 10x42 Trinovid in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s):
20 feet
12. Duration of observation:
5 minutes

13. Habitat: Rural-suburban backyard with plethora of bird feeders, though sparsely vegetated

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flew in silently with AMGO flock where I noticed it in the lone tree in the yard. Shortly came down to feeders and ate black oil sunflower seeds

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*): A goldfinch noticeably brighter yellow in the breast than nearby AMGO, with black "unibrow" cap from bill base to the top of the crown. Bill short, triangular, olive green to black. Lacking distinct white wingbars of AMGO, instead with messy looking, cream colored edging to primary coverts. White base to primaries difficult to see, but still visible

16. Voice: Silent

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

AMGO eliminated by black cap, wing pattern

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

Photographs by Jack Rogers attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

Several dozen times, of both green-backed (such as this individual), black-backed, and intermediate birds. Mostly in TX, but CO, AZ, CA as well.

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

n/a

a. at time of observation:

n/a

b. after observation:

n/a

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes

23. Date: 22 January 2024

Time: 9:00 PM

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_____



