

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Lesser Goldfinch - *Spinus psaltria*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one (1) male - possibly two (2)? - all photos on this report are presumably of one individual
3. Parish:
Acadia
4. Specific Locality:
7199 S LA 13, Crowley, LA
5. Date(s) when observed: Jan 12 2025 and seen again on morning of Jan 13 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: First seen at 8:15 am on Jan 12 2025 and numerous times during the day - and beginning at 7:20 am on Jan 13 2025 and again off and on (and by 3 other birders) during the morning - before filling out this report
7. Reporting observer: Tom and Claire Hanson
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
N/A at first sighting
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Steve Cardiff - sent him a photo by email and he confirmed ID on Jan 12th; on Jan 13 2025, other birders who observed the LEGO were Rob Dobbs, Andy From and Charlotte Chehotsky
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): At the time of the first sighting, the sun was to our left (East) - the bird was out in the open - but the bird was seen several times during the day
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D3500 - Lens: AE-P Nikkor 70-300mm 1:4.5-6.3G ED
12. Distance to bird(s): 25' to 50' depending on where it was feeding
13. Duration of observation: off and on - for at least 30 - 35 minutes
14. Habitat: Yard - with oak trees - next to a busy highway - surrounded by farmland -
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The LEGO was seen with American Goldfinches eating bird seed on driveway and at bird feeders; it appeared to "stand his ground" with the AMGOs (see photos)

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):

This bird was a typical adult male in non-breeding plumage - light olive green back with slight streaking, black crown/head, bright yellow on breast (with slight streaking) and throat - wingbars not as defined as AMGO -

17. Voice: No vocalization discerned apart from AMGO

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

AMGO - the Lesser Goldfinch was brighter yellow - (he was easy to spot) - a bit smaller - different wing coloration - greener coloration on back - and crown/head had more black as compared to the AMGO

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

Photos: Tom and Claire Hanson - see attached

20. Previous experience with this species: Seen numerous times in Colorado - 314 times logged on ebird

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

Recognized the bird but confirmed with Steve Cardiff - as we had not seen one since April 2021

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

yes - own personal knowledge and confirmed by Steve Cardiff

24. Date report completed:

January 13 2025

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









