

# 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 (*Spinus psaltria*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **one male, unknown age**
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) Acadia  
Specific Locality: A for Effort (Hanson home)
4. Date(s) when observed: **16 January 2025**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **7:30-8am**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science, Baton Rouge**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Claire and Tom Hanson, Van Remsen, Marybeth Lima, Ashish Jha.**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Good, filtered light through oak canopy.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Swarovski 20-60x telescope, Zeiss 10x40 binocular.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **about 20 yards.**
12. Duration of observation: **20 min**
13. Habitat: **manicured residential yard with live oak overstory.**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Only observed as it feed on seed on driveway. Flushed up with American Goldfinches and others on several occasions, but not seen while perching in dense oaks.

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): Tiny finch. Bright yellow below. Black crown, green back. Wings blackish with white wingbars, tertial edges, and white check at primary base.

16. Voice: not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Was beside American Goldfinch which were larger, less yellow, different wing pattern.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photos by me (below). No doubt Hansons also will submit record, as they were the finders.

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive in TX, AZ, CA, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, and once before in Louisiana.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

23. Signature of reporter: \_\_\_Daniel Lane\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_29 January  
2025\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_3:25pm\_\_\_

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_



