

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):
1
3. Parish:
Acadia
4. Specific Locality:
Home of Tom and Claire Hanson 30.174259, -92.363285
5. Date(s) when observed: 1.14.2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:43am
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Tom and Claire Hanson, Mike Rhodes
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
none
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): There was plenty of light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 100 feet estimated
13. Duration of observation: 10-15 minutes
14. Habitat: Private yard driveway with bird seed scattered about. Lawn with a variety of trees, shrubs and plants.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was feeding on the ground mostly with American Goldfinch and sometimes other birds such as pine warblers.
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):

The bird was significantly brighter than the other goldfinches and had a dark cap.

17. Voice: Did not hear

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

American Goldfinch were smaller and darker yellow

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

by me, Kathy Rhodes

20. Previous experience with this species: Saw this bird last year in Lake Charles and also in West Texas

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

Other birders on this day as they were the hosts and property owners

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

1.17.2025

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





