

# 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: **Lucy's Warbler (*Oreothlypis luciae*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
**One presumed second-year (immature) female**
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **Jefferson Parish**  
  
Specific Locality: **northeast corner (just west of Nacari Ln. and north of Central Ave.) of Lafitte Woods/ TNC Grilletta Tract off LA-1 on Grand Isle**
4. Date(s) when observed: **19 February 2015**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~3:40 PM CST**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Devin Bosler  
14112 Crossing Way East  
Edmond, OK 73013**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **N/A**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **Van Remsen and Robert Smith (originally discovered on 5 November 2014), David Muth, Phillip Wallace, Dan Purrington, Steve Cardiff, Donna Dittmann, m. ob. on various dates (Nov 2014 – Jan 2015), last reported on 1 March 2015 (fide Jared Feuer)**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

**Clear sky with optimal afternoon sunlight. Sun angle fairly high and away from observer. Backlighting or glare not problematic.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss Victory FL 8x42, Kowa TSN 88 series w/ 88 mm angled eyepiece (40-60x zoom), Canon Powershot HS 110 digital elph point-and-shoot camera (equipment in excellent condition).**

11. Distance to bird(s): **ca. 3-5 meters**

12. Duration of observation: **~1-2 min.**

13. Habitat: **Overgrown, brushy woodlot w/ sct. live oaks, hackberries, red mulberries, honeylocusts, yaupon, baccharis, saltcedars, etc. Favoring tall mixed grasses-baccharis thickets along wooded edges nr. standing pools of water.**

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

**Finally observed after extensive and intensive search high and low around previously described locations. First observed much farther east of the burned area in dense, overgrown tall grasses and baccharis scrub. It was solitary and not in association with any other species. It was silently foraging at about eye level nr. tops of vegetation but occasionally dropping down and out of view. Only brief unobstructed views before it moved off. Never observed in flight.**

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):

**A small, grayish, non-descript, short-tailed warbler with drab gray upperparts and slightly paler underparts. Prominent, white orbital rings around eyes. Russet-brown patch on uppertail coverts. Paler, buffy tips to upperwing coverts (indicative of first-winter plumage). Small, short, black bill. Dull blackish legs and feet. Dark irides.**

**Also, lack of response to playback coupled with overall drabber plumage features suggestive of individual being a female.**

16. Voice: **Silent.**

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

**Not similar to any other N.A. warblers.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **No**

19. Previous experience with this species:

**Very familiar with this species from known range in arid/ semi-arid desert southwest in w. TX, NM, and AZ.**

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **Various online/ web resources.**

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

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

23. Signature of reporter: **Devin Bosler** Date: **9 April 2015** Time: **5:00 PM CDT**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? **Yes, please.**

If yes, may we include your name with the report? **Yes, please.**