

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: Lucy's Warbler, *Oreothlypis luciae*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one male bird adult in normal plumage.
3. Parish: St. Mary
Specific Locality: 3.2 miles south of Intracoastal Canal bridge on Hwy. 317 (Burns Point Rd.)
4. Date(s) when observed: 15/Aug/2023
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:30 am.
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Michael Musumeche
City: New Iberia, 70560
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Cheryl Huner
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): None
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): clear, light from behind us.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x42
11. Distance to bird(s): 25 feet
12. Duration of observation: about 1 minute total.

13. Habitat: narrow wooded area that paralleled roadway area fronting sugarcane fields.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was actively feeding flying to various branches about midstory.

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*):

Small warbler that resembled BGGN but with short tail. Light gray dorsally from head to tail, dull white ventrally, light supercilium, small white eyering, face appeared light-colored, tiny beak *when bird put its head down to preen, a rusty-brown/rufous crown patch was very visible. Could not see distinctive rump color as the bird was facing us the entire time and then flew off, no photos.

16. Voice: none noted

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): BGGN eliminated by field marks written in #15 above.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Tried for photos but was not successful.

19. Previous experience with this species: Observed this species on several occasions in southwest U.S.

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

a. at time of observation: iBird PRO

b. after observation: Sibley, Peterson, Nat'l Geographic.

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: 16/Aug/2023

Time: 1:30 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_____