

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: Red-legged Honeycreeper, *Cyanerpes cyaneus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): Two individuals for certain; one male in apparent basic plumage and one female-type
3. Parish: Jefferson

Specific Locality: Grand Isle, Lafitte Woods Preserve, Landry-LeBlanc Tract

4. Date(s) when observed: 15 October 2022
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ca. 0930-1215

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Nancy L. Newfield, Joshua Sylvest, Frankie Johnson

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): originally found by Melvin Weber. Many other observers (David Muth, Paul Conover, John Dillon, Erik Johnson, etc.)

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): birds originally observed from below, so backlit. Birds were actively foraging throughout the canopy, so views from all angles were obtained; including perched out in open light.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42, few years old

11. Distance to bird(s): varying; ca. 3m-10m

12. Duration of observation: on and off for just under three hours, longest period of observation was maybe five minutes

13. Habitat: coastal chenier with paths, trails, lawns

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): birds were both actively foraging in varying levels of canopy, loosely associated with a few other birds.

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*):

Very small songbirds with obvious long, curved bill. Male was yellow below to vent and greenish yellow on back with jet-black wings and tail, yellow supercilium, brilliant red legs. Female-type similarly patterned, but much more muted tones; faint streaking below, dark but not black wings, red legs.

16. Voice: single, high-pitched "sip" notes, occasionally give a raspy-type call (first detected by this vocalization)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): other honeycreepers by leg color, basic plumage Scarlet Tanager by size, bill shape, behavior, voice

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Costa Rica 2001

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Birds of Panama (Ridgely & Gwynne, Jr.)

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	no
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	

x	memory
x	study of images

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

23. Date: 22 February 2023

Time: 1027

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_____









