

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Red-legged Honeycreeper  
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
2 seen simultaneously, one apparently an adult male in basic plumage, the other in female type plumage.

3. Parish: Jefferson  
Specific Locality: Sureway Woods  
4. Date(s) when observed: 15 October 2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: late morning

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul Conover
City: Lafayette
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Many. I was there with David Muth who had previously seen them at the location.

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Found by Melvin Weber.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, light good including shade of trees.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, Nikon 200 mm camera lens

11. Distance to bird(s): Probably 20-30 yards at minimum.

12. Duration of observation: I saw them on two passes of the oak trees, the first briefly (perhaps one minute), the second much longer (about 10 minutes).

13. Habitat: Oak forest on barrier island.

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

Birds were apparently making a circuit through the woods and stopped at an area of oaks with a broad canopy to feed on insects. Birds were actively flycatching, gleaning something from the bark surface of the oaks, and hovering in place for up to perhaps 10 seconds at a time. Their behavior made them very conspicuous.

The birds appeared to be eating hatching termites or winged ants. One of my pictures shows an insect fairly well.

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 short-tailed and short-legged birds with long decurved bills. Bodies of both were greenish, the male with strongly contrasting darker wings and tail. Faces pale with darker eyelines. Male with bright red legs, female type with duller reddish legs.

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): I'm not well-versed in this species and similar species. I'm relying on more expert opinions.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input 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; I'm trusting the ID skills of people more familiar with this species and other honeycreepers.

23. Date: 26 October 2022

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?

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











