

# 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 / *Cyanerpes cyaneus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 individual

3. Parish: Jefferson

Specific Locality: Grand Isle, off Port Lane, north of Sureway Supermarket

4. Date(s) when observed: 10/19/22

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:41am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul Wood
City: 146 Bluefield Dr., Slidell
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Julie Wood

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): Sunny but slightly shaded from vegetation

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondback HD 8x42 binoculars. Photos with Canon SX70HS at 85mm zoom.

11. Distance to bird(s): ~ 15-20 feet

12. Duration of observation: 5-10 minutes

13. Habitat: coastal forest

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Found flying and landing in a patch of Turk's Cap off Post Lane as reported by previous observers. It did not seem to be disturbed by our presence. It stayed in the same general area until hunters began firing shotguns not far from us, then flew away to the east and did not return while we were there.

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*): The red legs were the most striking feature. The body was overall greenish with dark blue wings and a very bright blue patch near the base of the tail. Longish downcurved dark bill.

16. Voice: Not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): None considered. This bird was widely reported and we were specifically looking for it.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): 4 photos taken by me are attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: none

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Online references were used in preparation for the trip. Species not found in my usual field guide apps.

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: online references

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes. Images posted online were confirmed by birders much more experienced than me.

23. Date: 2/27/23  
Time: 12:40 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\_\_\_\_\_







