

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: Red-naped Sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus nuchalis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One male
3. Locality: : (parish) Caldwell
Specific Locality: Dannehl Road east of Columbia, La.
4. Date(s) when observed: 2-6-16
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Between 2 and 3 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Stephen L. Pagans, 128 Honeysuckle Drive, West Monroe, La. 71291
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Jay Huner
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): None on that day
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Most of the time, the bird was in full sunlight with the sun at my back.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition) 8x binoculars in good shape, also Canon 5D Mark II camera with a Canon 400/5.6 lens
11. Distance to bird(s): At closest about 75 feet
12. Duration of observation: at least an hour
13. Habitat: Hardwood
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): feeding
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): It had a definite red nape, red throat nearly went through the black malar streak that bordered white on the side of its head. It had a long bill similar to a Hairy Woodpecker, and it was similar in size to a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Its back was mostly black with white concentrated in two rows down its back.
16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker typically does not have a red nape, and the red throat on males is bordered by bold black malar streak. Also, YBSA has extensive white mottling on its back.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by Stephen L. Pagans. Included in email.

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

At time of observation: bird books.

b. after observation: photos and more bird books

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation
(_____notes attached?); _____notes made after the observation (date: _____);
 memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: As much as I can be.

23. Signature of reporter: _Stephen L. Pagans_____Date:2-9-17 ___Time:___9:49
pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or
portions of this report on its website? Yes _____
If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes _____

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