

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: Say's Phoebe; *Sayornis saya*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One bird, unknown sex and age.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) Jefferson Davis Parish
Specific Locality: West Niblett Rd 2.2 miles from Hwy 99; 7.8 miles SSW of Welsh, LA.
30° 7'30.14"N; 92°51'33.53"W
4. Date(s) when observed:
12/16/2011
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
Approximately 1:35pm and 2:07pm (time photo was taken)
6. Reporting observer and address:
Walker Wilson
1917 East Eagle Street
Zachary, LA 70791
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Bill Fontenot
Chris Brantley
Jeff Harris
Kevin Morgan
Molly Richard
Bill Vermillion
Jacob Saucier
Heather Mancuso
Patty Holland
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
I'm not sure. Bill F., Bill V., Molly and Patty already found the bird before the rest of us got there. They were not present when Jeff, Kevin, Jacob, Heather and I arrived there. Furthermore, Heather and I were in a separate vehicle. I don't know if you could say we independently identified it since we were told where it was before we arrived.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

It was overcast, so the light was diffused to the point where there were no shadows. The level of light was moderate, so we had no problem seeing, but there was no direct light.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Swarovski SLC 10x42 in good condition; Canon 5D Mk II with Canon EF 100-400 f 4.5-5.6L IS USM lens.

11. Distance to bird(s):

About 150 yds

12. Duration of observation: Approx. 10 min.

13. Habitat:

The bird was in someone's yard, perching on their chain link fence and sallying out over the mowed grass. There was an oak tree in the yard near where the bird was perching.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was perched, but occasionally sallied, presumably after flying insects.

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): This bird had the typical "flycatcher" body type, but was a bit on the chunky side. The bill was straight and dark. The eyes were dark. The crown and top part of the face were dark grey. The back was lighter grey. The breast and sides were solid grey, about the same shade as the back, but the throat was a lighter grey. The belly and adjacent flanks were a buffy orange color. The vent and outer part of the flanks were more of a creamy buffy color. The remeges was very dark grey or black, as were the retrices. The wing coverts were grey like the back, but there appeared to be 2 wing bars. The lower wing bar was stronger, and they appeared to be a buffy color similar to the vent.

16. Voice:

NA

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Eastern Phoebe does not have a solid grey breast or an orange belly. Female Vermillion Flycatchers also don't have a solid grey breast and sides. Additionally, they have yellow or pink vent patches instead of buffy.

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

Others may have photographed it before I got there, but after I arrived, I was the only one who took a picture. I will attach the photo.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have observed and photographed this species in TX, AZ, WY and SD on many occasions.

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

a. at time of observation:

All observers present agreed on the ID.

b. after observation:

I referenced my photographs from that day, Sibley's, and web sites.

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____);
 X memory. I also referenced my photograph.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain:

Yes

23. Signature of reporter:  Date: 12/17/11 Time: 1:03
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