

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): 1
3. Locality: Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Parish Road 118S, south of Lake Arthur (Klondike area)
4. Date(s) when observed: 14 Dec 2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1440-1500 CST
6. Reporting observer and address: Robert C. Dobbs, rcdobbs@gmail.com, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): mid-afternoon bright light under partly cloudy sky; no shade
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Pentax 80 mm scope
11. Distance to bird(s): 40-200 m
12. Duration of observation: 20 min
13. Habitat: fence/mowed grass of oil/gas facility, adjacent to shrubby marsh
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): perching on and sallying from fence and various structures as oil/gas facility; displaced at perch by Eastern Phoebe

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): Dark grayish back and head w/ darker loreal area; paler gray breast and pale rufous-orange belly; gray upperwing coverts edged/tipped whitish; contrasting black tail, dipped occasionally in typical phoebe fashion

16. Voice: Did not vocalize

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Phoebe has white throat and whitish/yellowish breast/belly (direct comparison during interspecific interaction); female Vermilion Flycatcher may have orangy belly, but also has white throat/breast, and eye-line.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photo by Robert C. Dobbs

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive... common yard bird in Utah (lived 4 years)

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: notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); memory.

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

23. Date: 29 Dec 2014 Time: 2253 CST

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes No

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes No

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