

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> .

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. Parish: St. Tammany

Specific Locality: Oak Harbor Blvd., Slidell, LA, first pond on the left adjacent to Convention Center.

4. Date(s) when observed: 11/24/2014

5. Time(s) of day when observed: approx. 10:30 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and address: Claire Thomas, 19170 Antenor St., Mandeville, LA 70471

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none

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, clear sky. Sun overhead

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Opticron 10 x 50, good condition.
11. Distance to bird(s): 30ft.
12. Duration of observation: approx. 5 mins.
13. Habitat: Pond/lake, levee with short grass, Willow trees on edge of lake
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird first seen hovering over levee with short grass catching insects. It then flew toward me over the lake to a Willow tree where it ate it's catch. Then flying back and forth between levee and tree and then to roof of the convention center.
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*): Mostly grey bird about the size of an Eastern Phoebe. All grey above with all black tail. Grey chest with salmon/rufous wash on belly and under tail coverts.
16. Voice: It didn't call but did respond to it's call when played.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Not an Eastern Phoebe or Eastern Kingbird due to wash of salmon/rufous. Too large for female Vermillion and void of any striping on chest and flanks.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos taken
19. Previous experience with this species: none

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
Sibley field guide to eastern birds, iBird phone app

a. at time of observation: Sibley Guide to Eastern Birds, iBird phone app

b. after observation: Same as above

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?

notes made after the observation. At what date?

memory X

study of images X

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

23. Date: 11/24/2014

Time: 9:08 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_____

