

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 <i>Sayornis saya</i>	
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 adult (presumed adult), sex unknown.	
3. Locality: LOUISIANA Parish: <u>St. Tammany</u> Specific locality: <u>Pond behind Northshore Harbor Center, Lakeshore Blvd (off Oak Harbor Blvd – East of I-10), Slidell, LA</u>	
4. Date(s) when observed: <u>November 30, 2014</u>	
5. Time(s) of day when observed: <u>9:30-10:30AM and 1:15-1:30PM</u>	
6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com	
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): Also present (morning): Claire Thomas (previously found and reported this bird) and Renee Sawyer. Also present (afternoon): Ed Wallace.	
8. Other observers who <i>independently identified</i> the bird(s): On other dates: Janine Robin, and others.	
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Lighting was very good to exceptional. Partly cloudy, with plenty of sunshine. Better lighting in the afternoon, producing better photos than morning.	
10. Optics: Tom-10x42 Bushnell; Sony DSC-H50 Digital Camera. Not noted are optics used by Claire, Renee & Ed, however Claire had a digital camera, but make and model not noted.	
11. Distance to bird(s): As close as 20 feet, maybe closer.	
12. Duration of observation: About an hour in the morning (Claire, Renee & Tom); an additional 15 minutes in the afternoon (Tom & Ed).	
13. Habitat: Small pond with willows and low brush surrounding. Behind a large building with smaller buildings nearby.	
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying, feeding, resting. Notable was that several times the bird flew into the wind creating a hover affect.	
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, <i>not what "should" have been seen</i> ; 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): Flycatcher the size of an Eastern Phoebe. Medium-dark gray above, dark tail, gray throat & upper breast; lower breast, belly & undertail coverts salmon/cinnamon-colored. Similar: Eastern Phoebe easily ruled out based on gray & salmon-cinnamon color below in Say's. (Eastern is white below).	
16. Voice: No vocalizations heard, but bird readily responded to vocalizations played.	
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Phoebe, which was easily ruled out based on the gray and salmon-cinnamon color below (Eastern is white below).	
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos taken by Tom & Claire (submitted).	
19. Previous experience with this species: Submitter has seen previously in the Thornwell area. Claire has previously seen on prior dates. Ed has seen about 3 to 4 times previously in various locations in Louisiana.	
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): app/online/other birders	
a. at time of observation: N/A	
b. after observation: iBird Pro app; various photos online (Whatbird); other birders (previously reported).	
21. This description is written from: <input type="checkbox"/> notes made during the observation (<input type="checkbox"/> notes attached?) <input type="checkbox"/> notes made after the observation (date: _____); <input type="checkbox"/> memory. SAME DAY, BUT LATER IN THE DAY WHILE STILL FRESH IN MIND!	
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certainty.	
23. Signature of reporter: Tom Trenchard Date/Time: 11/30/2014 9:00PM	
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, may we include your name with the report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	