

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: Sage Thrasher
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1

3. Parish: St. Tammany

Specific Locality: Madisonville

4. Date(s) when observed: 10/22/2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:30pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address
Reporting observer: Claire Thomas
City: Mandeville, 19170 Antenor St. 70471
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): NA

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): NA

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny to partly cloudy. Out in the open.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon 10x42 LIS wp 6.5, Image stabilizing binoculars and Lumix DMC-FZ70 camera

11. Distance to bird(s): 50ft

12. Duration of observation: 15 mins

13. Habitat: River/marsh adjacent parking lot.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was moving along the ground not feeding. Running back and forth and hopping onto the trailer of a boat parked in the lot. Ran under boat and then into marsh reeds.

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*): Was the size and general shape of a Brown Thrasher without the rufous/brown coloring. All grey upper parts. All black bill but smaller than a BRTH bill. Slightly down curved. Yellow eyes. Wing bars. Faint malar stripe. Streaking/spotting going all the way to legs and under tail.

16. Voice: Did not vocalize

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Ruled out BRTH due to all grey upper parts and smallish black bill.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: None. This is a lifer

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America, iBird Pro

a. at time of observation: The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America

b. after observation: iBird Pro

21. This description is written from: Memory and study of images on date of observation
10/22/2023

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?
notes made after the observation. At what date?
memory
study of images

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

23. Date: 10/22/2023

Time: 3:15pm

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and
accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page? Yes

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____ Yes _____









