

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: Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi*

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

1 female, age not determined.

3. Parish: Jefferson Parish

Specific Locality: Metairie; *Casa Colibri* 3016 45th Street; 70001
[29.9857, -90.1538]

4. Date(s) when observed: 09/18/2019.

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1305

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Nancy L Newfield
City: Metairie
State: Louisiana

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): more or less in shaded area on a diagonal branch of a French Laurel [*Laurus nobilis*] near deck rail.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): none, naked eye

11. Distance to bird(s): 5 feet, I was on the deck ready to walk down into the yard.

12. Duration of observation: 1 minute

13. Habitat: Suburban residential backyard with a mix of native trees [Bald Cypress, Water Oak, and Elderberry [*Sambucus canadensis*] (mature, 30 feet tall)] and mature exotic shrubs [Sweet Olive [*Osmanthus fragrans*], French Laurel [*Laurus nobilis*], Japanese Yew [*Taxus cuspidata*]] and smaller hummingbird attractive shrubs mostly non-native.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): This bird appeared to be gleaning at the joints of new growth on a largish branch of a mature French Laurel [*Laurus nobilis*].

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*): Small passerine with black bill and legs. Dark olive-colored crown and cheek/eye patch on dull yellow face and throat. Dull yellow superciliary. Blackish streaking on flanks and partially crossing upper breast. Breast streaking was interrupted by a wedge of white from the lower belly and undertail area. Wings dark gray with white wingbars. Extent of wingbars seemed reduced and that factor led to identification as female. Upper surface of tail not noted.

16. Voice: not vocal or not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): none.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none.

19. Previous experience with this species: Not recently, but several times out west [Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California], and in Mexico in 1983 and 1985, and once in Costa Rica in 1987. I've had 2 previous observations in Louisiana, neither of which was accepted by the LBRC.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): .
National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America; 7th edition.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Immediately after observation.

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	9/18/2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

Notes scribbled on edge of daily checklist immediately after observation..

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

23. Date: 9/25/2019

Time: 1100

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.