

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
Confident of six observed at one time

3. Parish: East Baton Rouge  
Specific Locality: Capital Lakes and Arsenal Park

4. Date(s) when observed: December 4, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:27 am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew From
City: Lafayette
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):  
Robert Dobbs, Willie Matthews (I believe)

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): Overcast but bright

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 8x42,

11. Distance to bird(s): ~10m to 50m

12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes (trying to get better photographs)

13. Habitat: decent sized open water (lake) surrounded by various deciduous trees

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): flying, possibly foraging numerous Tree Swallows also around

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*): cigar shaped birds with a very rapid bat type wing beat, narrower wing than Chimney Swifts, plus paler body and shorter tail than CHSW.

16. Voice: not observed, don't recall

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Chimney Swift – these birds have narrower wings with paler chest and I don't recall ever seeing CHSWs without hearing their chattering call

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

19. Previous experience with this species: None

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: following up on initial report of the birds being in the area (don't recall by whom) only swifts flying and discussion with Rob Dobbs

b. after observation: *National Geographic Birds of North America 7<sup>th</sup> Edition* and comparing photographs with ones on Ebird.org

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	No ebird checklist S77058368
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: December 13, 2020

Time: 1140 am

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\_\_\_\_\_



