

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: *Vaux's Swift (Chaetura vauxi)*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
Four
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) *East Baton Rouge*
Specific Locality: *City Park Lake at May St lot*
4. Date(s) when observed: *17 and 30 Nov 2020*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *9:25 am on 17 Nov, 4:00pm on 30 Nov*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Dan Lane, 119 Foster Hall, Baton Rouge, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *none*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *Matt Brady (on 15 Nov).*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *clear, good sunlight both times.*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Zeiss 10x40 bins*
11. Distance to bird(s): *10-100 m*
12. Duration of observation: *Probably less than a minute both times*
13. Habitat: *Over lake.*
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

In flight, the first sighting on 17 Nov, the single bird did glide into a strong headwind on occasion. On 30 Nov, the four seen were more flittery, little gliding. Mostly about 15-30 m above the ground. Not necessarily associating with Tree Swallows that were mostly lower over the water.

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): Small swifts, looking smaller than Chimney, with narrower, shorter wings resulting in more rapid flittery flight style. In good light, throat and much of underparts were a pale, creamy brownish (like coffee with cream), the rump was noticeably paler than remainder of back and tail.

16. Voice: None heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Chimney is larger, longer and broader-winged (especially with a broad "bump" at the base of the primaries on trailing edge), less contrast on underparts and rump.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Sketch of 17 Nov sighting, photos on 30 Nov sighting.

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive, both in Louisiana and in the West and Mexico.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____notes attached?); _____notes made after the observation (date:_____);
___x___memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: _____Daniel Lane_____Date: __30 Nov
2020_____Time: __5:30pm_____

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_____

short

narrow wing

Chachina
vanki
LSU Lakes
17 Nov 2020

short bodied

pale throat, breast

pale rump

overall shape





