

# 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): [Minimum of 3 seen simultaneously](#)

3. Parish: [East Baton Rouge](#)  
Specific Locality: [University Lakes](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [19, 26 Dec 2020](#)

5. Time(s) of day when observed: [11:00 am \(19 Dec\), 10:30am \(on 26 Dec\)](#)

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <a href="#">Dan Lane</a>
City: <a href="#">Baton Rouge</a>
State: <a href="#">LA</a>

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Cameron Rutt and Nick Mason \(on 19 Dec\)](#).

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): [Various](#)

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Good light](#)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [10x40 Zeiss, 20-60 zoom Swarovski scope](#).

11. Distance to bird(s): [5-300 m](#)

12. Duration of observation: [maybe 10 min each day](#)

13. Habitat: Over lakes and seemed to be particularly centered on a mansion with chimneys just N of May St lot.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flittery flying, little soaring. Quicker wingbeat than typical for Chimney Swift.

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 *Chaetura* swift with shorter, narrower wings than Chimney, noticeable pale rump (contrasts strongly with back and tail) and undertparts.

16. Voice: None heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Chimney Swift typically darker, has longer, broader wings with pronounced bulge on inner primaries.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, some attached below, also see: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S77706383>, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S78004490>

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive in western US, Mexico, Belize, and Louisiana.

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:

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

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

23. Date: 31 Dec 2020

Time:3:25pm

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 \_\_\_\_\_









