

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: Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
Two individuals in adult plumage
3. Parish: East Baton Rouge
Specific Locality: Parking lot at north end of Capitol Lake
4. Date(s) when observed: November 15, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 16:56

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Nick Ramsey
City: Baton Rouge
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): Birds in cold evening light, plenty to observe shape and flight style but too dark for plumage coloration details

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 12x50 binoculars, somewhat broken but not affecting viewing quality

11. Distance to bird(s): <10 yards

12. Duration of observation: ~ One minute

13. Habitat: Sky over broad-leafed riparian trees adjacent to a lake

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying with constant fast, fluttery wingbeats with lots of short, erratic turns and no gliding during the minute or so of observation.

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*): Two small *Chaetura* observed low over north parking lot at about 16:56. Jizz immediately said Vaux's, based on size, flight style, and impression of wing shape. Constant fast, fluttery wingbeats with lots of short, erratic turns and no gliding during the minute or so of observation. Wings appeared shorter with no noticeable pinch at the secondaries as would be expected in Chimney. Silent. No plumage coloration details noted.

16. Voice: Silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Chimney Swift similar, but with slower, deeper wingbeats and more gliding, longer wings with primary bulge.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): No

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive experience with VASW from Montana, extremely familiar with the species.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: None

21. This description is written from:

x	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	15 is copy-pasted from my original notes
	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	

<input type="checkbox"/>	memory
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images

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

23. Date: December 2, 2020

Time: 01:00

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