## 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: Pacific-slope/ Cordilleran flycatcher Empidonax difficilis/ Empidonax occidentalis
- 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One bird seen, adult plumage
- 3. Parish: Plaquemines ParishSpecific Locality: Dan's Honey Hole4. Date(s) when observed: 12/28/2020
- 5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:35 p.m.
- 6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Joan Garvey
City: New Orleans
State: LA

- 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mark Meunier
- 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): Full sun. Bird was perched in a large live oak in the shadows
- 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss Victory SF 10 x 42 good condition Canon EOS 7D with a Canon lens EF 400mm F/4 DO ID II USM good condition

- 11. Distance to bird(s): 30 feet
- 12. Duration of observation: 2 minutes

- 13. Habitat: Near a stand of live oak with scrubby understory.
- 14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

The bird sallied once then perched. I was able to get photos of the bird at rest.

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*):

We observed a very yellowish flycatcher, darker above, which had a broad pale eye ring which extended out at the back of the eye.

16. Voice:

none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Yellow-bellied flycatcher would look yellow but the eye ring would not extend distally.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Yes, photos obtained by Joan Garvey

19. Previous experience with this species:

We have seen Pacific-slope/Cordilleran three times before.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

description is written from:				
		notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
		notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
	X	memory		
	X	study of images		

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

yes

23. Date: 1/9/2021 Time: 11:18

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	



