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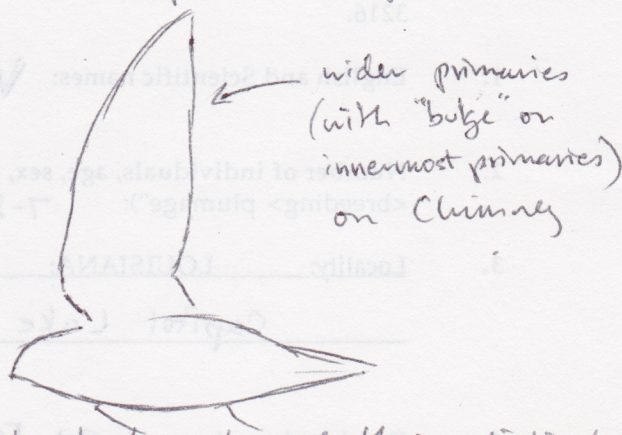
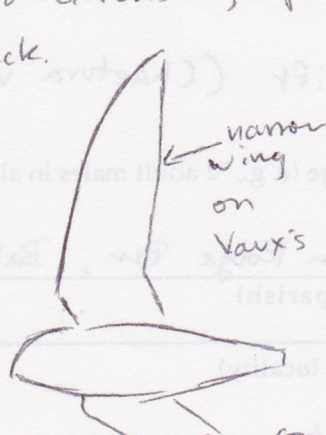
Rare Bird Report Form

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 ensure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach fieldnotes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for 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, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 7-8
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; East Baton Rouge Par., Baton Rouge,
Capitol Lake
(parish)
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 20 February 2006
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~ 11 am
6. Reporting observer and address: Daniel Lane
LSU Museum of Natural Science
119 Foster Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): _____
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Phred Benham, Justin and Devon Bosler
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast sky. Birds largely backlit, but as they flew, they'd turn and swerve, sometimes below canopy height,
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): allowing me views of underparts and wings.
Zeiss 10x40 binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): 10-50 m
12. Duration of observation: About 20 min

13. Habitat: Lake-edge in urban neighborhood
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation): Flying. I never noticed any other activity (drinking, active foraging, etc.)
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; if possible, give details on 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. Attach additional pages as necessary):

Small Chaetura swifts with narrow wings, rapid wingbeats, and extensively pale underparts. Rumps looked paler than back.



16. Voice: None heard (Benham reports to have heard their distinct vocalizations)
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?): Chimney Swift is very similar, but has broader primaries, darker
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): None underparts slower wingbeats
19. Previous experience with this species: Seen various times, including in Baton Rouge previously.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
- a. at time of observation: _____
- b. after observation: _____
21. This description is written from: X notes made during the observation; _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); _____ memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)? Fairly sure, hearing them would have clinched it for me. Phred Benham's record suggests that
23. Signature of reporter: these were indeed Vaux's Swifts

(date) 30 March 2006 later that day

Daniel L.