

Louisiana Ornithological Society's  
LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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: Green-tailed Towhee  
Pipilo chlorurus
2. Number of individuals, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): 1, Adult bird
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Acadia  
(parish)  
GPS Lat 30.11891 Long 92.349204  
(specific locality)  
observed @ inside corner of left turn on Domingue Rd. West south of terminus of Lege Road.
4. Date(s) when observed: 12/14/2011
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:11 pm to 12:20 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Patti Holland (337-277-4645)  
P.O. Box 114  
Arnaudville LA 70512
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): Angela Trahan  
Molly Richard
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): None on this particular day
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Mostly Sunny
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optic (Rangers)  
10X40, Good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 50 to 30 feet
12. Duration of observation: approximately 10 minutes  
off + on - in and out of cover

13. Habitat: Scrub/shrub, Eastern baccharis
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):  
Perched @ 6 feet in shrub/small trees, also hopping <sup>and foraging</sup> on ground. Also
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):  
drinking from ditch (No stress)

- Bird had obvious rufous/red cap, light beak, whitethroat that contrasted with grey cheek and chest.
- Line green on back and ~~into~~ tail. Bird
- appeared healthy with dimensions expected (~ 8 inches)
- Song differed from playback on I-phone, but was similar.
- Bird was loafing with assorted sparrows (white-throated, Chipping + Savanna)

16. Voice: Song heard from distance (bird not observed singing)
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?): Eastern towhee has similar song but appearance differs. No other similar towhee in area.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in Arizona several times
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
a. at time of observation: Verified with Kaufman, Sibley, and Peterson field guides  
b. after observation:
21. This description is written from:  notes made during the observation;  notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_);  memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain?): Yes
23. Signature of reporter: Pats Hobard 12/15/2011  
(date)