

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more 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: **Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
Two individuals; one presumed first-fall/ hatch-year (HY) male, one female-plumaged
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **Cameron Parish**

Specific Locality: **Peveto Beach Woods (BRAS Sanctuary) off Gulf View Ave./ PR-528, ca. 3.5 mi. E of Johnson Bayou**
4. Date(s) when observed: **29, 30 October 2011 (presumably one or both individuals lingering for two days)**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~10:00-11:00 AM CST (29 Oct), 3:30-4:30 PM CST (30 Oct)**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Devin Bosler
14112 Crossing Way East
Edmond, OK 73013**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Justin Bosler, Cory DeStein.**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **m.ob.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Clear sky with optimal late morning and afternoon sunlight. Sun angle relatively high during both observations. Backlighting and/ or sun glare not a problem.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss Victory FL 8x42, Kowa TSN 881 Angled 88mm scope w/ 20-60x optical zoom, Canon Powershot SD1100 IS digital camera (equipment in excellent condition).**

11. Distance to bird(s): **ca. 8-10 meters**

12. Duration of observation: **10-15 min.**

13. Habitat: **Heavily disturbed, fragmented coastal chenier woodlot with mature live oak-hackberry-pecan-honeylocust canopy and overgrown herbaceous understory of ragweed-goldenrod-baccharis-camphorweed, brushy edges, grassy edges, rural residential, etc.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

First observed foraging low in understory. It was generally solitary and silent. Observed in short flights from ground to canopy and across woodlot. Observed intermittently over the two-day period.

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):

A rather drab oriole with gray upperparts and paler gray-white underparts. Brighter yellow-orange on head and especially face with most intense color at malar. Ghost pattern of male facial features quite obvious, showing darker eye line (transocular stripe) and brighter yellow supercilium. Even some black on chin (perhaps first-fall male). Brownish-gray mantle with black streaks/ markings. Grayish-yellow vent/ undertail coverts. Two white wing bars with crisply white-edged wing coverts and flight feathers. Relatively short, yellowish tail. Darker blue-gray upper mandible (maxilla) and pale horn-flesh lower mandible. Grayish legs and feet. Dark brown irides. Presumably first-winter (first basic) individual by less-defined wing bars, slightly duller plumage, and extensively pale lower mandible.

16. Voice: **Generally silent.**

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

Female-plumaged Baltimore Oriole (BAOR) can be eliminated by extensive white in median/ greater wing coverts, broader white-edged flight feathers, duller gray-white underparts (lacking warmer orange wash on breast), darker eye line, brighter yellow supercilium and malar, and vocalizations.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, digiscoped photos by Devin Bosler. Yes, attached.**

19. Previous experience with this species:

Very familiar with this species from numerous encounters in several states throughout the western U.S. and a few individuals in the eastern U.S. Plus, many individuals previously in LA.

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: **__Yes__** notes made during the observation (**_____**notes attached?); **__Yes__** notes made after the observation (date: **_____**); **__Yes__** memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: **Yes, absolutely positive.**

23. Signature of reporter: **Devin Bosler** Date: **12 February 2016** Time: **11:00 PM CST**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? **Yes, please.**

If yes, may we include your name with the report? **Yes, please.**



