

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: **Curve-billed Thrasher** (*Toxostoma curvirostre oberholseri*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One, presumed second-year (SY) individual (based on plumage)
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **East Baton Rouge Parish**

Specific Locality: **1997 Longwood Dr. (corner residence off Woodside Dr.) at Westdale Terrace/ Heights subdivision in Baton Rouge**
4. Date(s) when observed: **20 March 2018**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~12:00 – 12:20 PM CDT**
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**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **Originally discovered by local homeowners in October 2017? But not reported to other local birders until mid-March 2018, m. ob. since 18 March through mid-April (11 April fide M. Brady and O. Johnson).**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Clear sky with optimal late morning/ midday sunlight. Sun angle high. Backlighting or glare not problematic.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss Victory FL 8x42, Canon Powershot HS 110 digital elph point-and-shoot camera (equipment in excellent condition).**

11. Distance to bird(s): **within 20-25 meters**

12. Duration of observation: **~15-20 min.**

13. Habitat: **Heavily disturbed, old growth, bottomland hardwood forest, sct. native and exotic trees + shrubs + veg., well-manicured short-grass lawns, elaborate garden/ flower beds, ornamental decorations, suburban 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 in short-grass lawn and front garden bed of 1997 Longwood Dr. private residence on the corner lot. Foraging and making short flights across the front garden beds toward Woodside Dr. Observed in flight multiple times but briefly. Remaining silent throughout my encounter.

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 medium-sized to large pale, dull brown thrasher with solid brown upperparts and paler, spotted underparts. More densely spotted on breast sides and blending into brownish flanks. Whitish malar marks and throat on otherwise brown face and head. Dark moustachial/ submoustachial markings bordered by white on malar and throat. Faint, non-descript pale wing bars obscured by retained(?) juvenal plumage and flight feathers. Noticeable white tail spots distally. Relatively long, slightly decurved black bill. Grayish-flesh legs and feet. Bright yellow irides with dark blackish pupil.

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S46307521>

16. Voice: **Silent. No vocalizations heard during my observation.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Fairly distinctive dull brown thrasher.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, digital photos by Justin Bosler. Plus, multiple observers obtained good, high-quality photos.**

19. Previous experience with this species:

Familiar with this species from many visits to their normal distribution and range in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California over the years but this is my first extralimital occurrence.

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: **18 June 2018** Time: **11:30 AM CDT**

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.**