

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

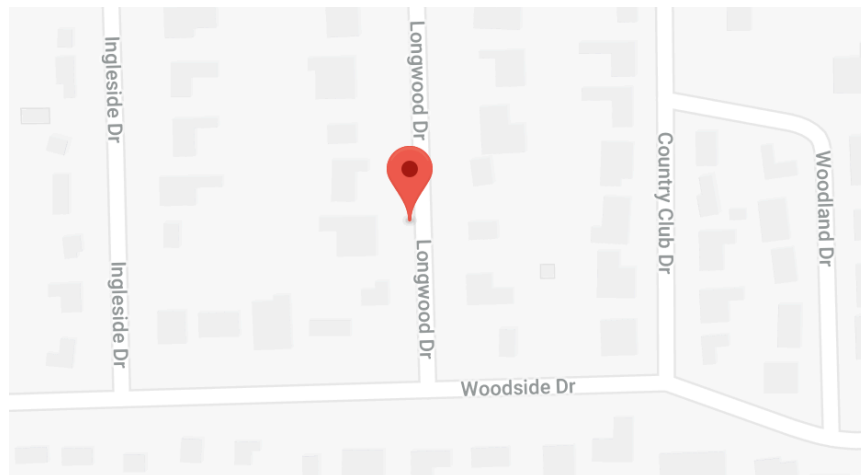
This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for. Attach additional 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: **CURVE-BILLED THRASHER *Toxostoma curvirostre***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

.One.

3. Parish: *East Baton Rouge*

Specific Locality: **Baton Rouge, on Longwood Drive: 30.430917,-91.143317.**
Map below from eBird.



4. Date(s) when observed: **19 March 2018**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **9:40 – 10:00 AM.**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Donna L. Dittmann and Steven W. Cardiff
City: 435 Pecan Drive, St. Gabriel
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

None.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

Stakeout: already ticked by numerous observers previous day and last observed 11 April

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Good: overcast, 72 F, calm

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

10 X 42 and 10 X 50 Leica binoculars; good condition

11. Distance to bird(s): **As close as 25-50 ft.**

12. Duration of observation: **approximately for 10 minutes – took a little while to find it searching Longwood Drive.**

13. Habitat: **Neighborhood, feeding on lawn and under ornamental vegetation. Photo below by SWC shows preferred habitat by yellow dumpster.**



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

Foraging on the ground in the open and under leafy vegetation, bird also flew up on fence (behind yellow dumpster).

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):

Obvious thrasher with long-curved dark bill, grayish-brown back, diffused grayish-brown spots on paler under parts, grayish-brown flanks, dark slightly graduated tail, white in tips of outer rectrices, no pale wingbars, yellow-orange eye, gray legs.

16. Voice: **Not heard.**

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

Bendire's Thrasher is somewhat similar but has browner tone to plumage, different "gizz," including a shorter bill.

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

Yes, by DLD (others have much better photos)



19. Previous experience with this species:

DLD and SWC have previously seen a couple vagrants in CA, and hundreds of individuals in AZ and TX (also lots of similar Bendire's Thrasher).

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

. **None.**

a. at time of observation:

. **None.**

b. after observation:

. **None.**

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	Same day to eBird.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

YES.

23. Date: **completed on 14 January 2019**

Time:

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? _____