

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Allen's Hummingbird *Selasphorus sasin*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 male in immature plumage.
3. Louisiana - Parish: Lafourche  
Specific Locality: Thibodaux, home of Beth and Sammy Maniscalco, 206 Pamela Place. Coordinates: 29.8044, -90.862
4. Date(s) when observed: 12/02/2005
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 08:00 [This was the first bird we handled that day.]
6. Reporting observer and address:  
  
Nancy L Newfield  
Casa Colibrí  
3016 45th Street  
Metairie, LA 70001  
504-338-3882
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Beth Maniscalco, Sammy Maniscalco.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Indoors with good overhead fluorescent lighting. The bird was in hand.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 4x visor loupe, good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s): Inches, the bird was in hand.

12. Duration of observation: probably about 10 minutes.

13. Habitat: Outdoors, the bird would have been enjoying a well-planted suburban garden with lots of nectar-producing flowers.

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

Not applicable. First, I have to say that this report is being written nearly 10 years after the fact, drawing upon the original data sheet and collected rectrices. Owing to the efficient manner in which we work, I do not usually see the first few individuals in the field before they are captured by whomever is running the traps. Therefore, I cannot give any behavioral information.

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*):

See #14 above. My comments and measurements were recorded by Beth Maniscalco as I worked. Sammy Maniscalco was in charge of trapping birds, which he accomplished so efficiently that I primarily worked with birds in hand. I did note that the bird had new, bright feathers on his upper back. Typically, new feathers on the upper back of a young male Rufous Hummingbird are rusty brown, thus immediately suggesting that this individual was an Allen's Hummingbird.

Measurements of exposed culmen, wing chord, and widths of rectrices 1, 2, and 5 fit easily within the range of measurements given by Stiles and Sorrie [see attachments] for immature male Allen's Hummingbird and thus, excluded Rufous Hummingbird from consideration.

Measurements:

Exposed Culmen = 16.20 mm

Wing Chord = 38.64 mm

Tail = 22.14 mm

Width of R #1 = 8.10 mm

Width of R #2 = 5.87 mm

Width of R #5 = 2.11 mm

Weight = 3.2 grams

16. Voice: not noted.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Rufous Hummingbird has a mostly rusty brown back by December, whereas this individual exhibited new green feathers growing in. See discussion above and attachments.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none.

19. Previous experience with this species: I have banded more than 82 and handled 6 returnees in Louisiana since 1999 [do not have the figure at hand of numbers prior to that] and at least 6 returnees. Have also observed and/or banded a few more in California, Arizona, and Texas.

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

- a. at time of observation: STILES, F. G. 1972. Age and sex determination in Rufous and Allen hummingbirds. Condor 74:25-32
- b. Sorrie Chart for immature males, plus personal experience.

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	X*
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

\*Data sheet that was dictated to scribe contemporaneously. See attached.

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

23. Date: 07/08/2015

Time: 13:08 CDT

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

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

ALHU  
N98111



Thibodaux, LA  
10/18/15 HY-A

Band # N98111 Species ALHU Capture FD Color Mark: whi yel blk blu pur or gr  
Date Banded 10/2/15 Locality MANESCALEO Lat-Long \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Released \_\_\_\_\_ Date Departed \_\_\_\_\_ Status WR  
Sex 1 Bill Compositors 80 % Age HY Sex M Ova \_\_\_\_\_  
Primaries: All Present \_\_\_\_\_ W F or Missing 1 \_\_\_\_\_ % 2 \_\_\_\_\_ % 3 \_\_\_\_\_ % 4 \_\_\_\_\_ % 5 \_\_\_\_\_ % 6 \_\_\_\_\_ % 7 \_\_\_\_\_ % 8 \_\_\_\_\_ % 9 \_\_\_\_\_ % 10 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Rectrices: All Present  W F or Missing R1 \_\_\_\_\_ % R2 \_\_\_\_\_ % R3 \_\_\_\_\_ % R4 \_\_\_\_\_ % R5 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
L1 \_\_\_\_\_ % L2 \_\_\_\_\_ % L3 \_\_\_\_\_ % L4 \_\_\_\_\_ % L5 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Contour: No Molt \_\_\_\_\_ or Crown \_\_\_\_\_ Back  Rump \_\_\_\_\_ Gorge  Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Belly  Wing Coverts \_\_\_\_\_  
Measurements: Exposed Culmen 16.20 mm Wing Chord 38.64 mm  
Tars 22.14 mm (Distal tarsus R1 8.18 mm R2 5.87 mm R3 2.1 mm) Weight 3.20 g  
Documentation: Video \_\_\_\_\_ Photos \_\_\_\_\_ Feathers Taken: R1  R2  R3  Gorge \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks most green feathers on upper back Scribe B. Mancalco  
Recap: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Locality \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ g Color Mark: whi yel blk blu pur or gr \_\_\_\_\_  
Primaries: All Present \_\_\_\_\_ W F or Missing 1 \_\_\_\_\_ % 2 \_\_\_\_\_ % 3 \_\_\_\_\_ % 4 \_\_\_\_\_ % 5 \_\_\_\_\_ % 6 \_\_\_\_\_ % 7 \_\_\_\_\_ % 8 \_\_\_\_\_ % 9 \_\_\_\_\_ % 10 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Rectrices: All Present \_\_\_\_\_ W F or Missing R1 \_\_\_\_\_ % R2 \_\_\_\_\_ % R3 \_\_\_\_\_ % R4 \_\_\_\_\_ % R5 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
L1 \_\_\_\_\_ % L2 \_\_\_\_\_ % L3 \_\_\_\_\_ % L4 \_\_\_\_\_ % L5 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Contour: No Molt \_\_\_\_\_ or Crown \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Rump \_\_\_\_\_ Gorge \_\_\_\_\_ Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Belly \_\_\_\_\_ Wing Coverts \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_ Scribe \_\_\_\_\_

ALHU  
N98111



Thibodaux, LA  
12/2/85 HY-M

Band # N98111 Species ALHU Capture (P) Color Mark: whi yel grn blu pur or (gn)  
Date Banded 12/2/85 Locality MANISSEALC Lat-Long \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Released \_\_\_\_\_ Date Departed \_\_\_\_\_ Status WR  
Fat 1 Ill Compositions RO % Age HY Sex M Ova \_\_\_\_\_  
Primaries: All Present \_\_\_\_\_ W F or Missing: 1 % 2 % 3 % 4 % 5 % 6 % 7 % 8 % 9 % 10 %  
Rectrices: All Present ✓ W F or Missing: R1 % R2 % R3 10 % R4 10 % R5 10 %  
L1 % L2 % L3 % L4 % L5 %  
Contour: No Molt \_\_\_\_\_ or Crown \_\_\_\_\_ Back ✓ Rump \_\_\_\_\_ Gorge ✓ Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Belly ✓ Wing Coverts \_\_\_\_\_  
Measurements: Exposed Culmen 16.20 mm Wing Chord 38.64 mm  
Tarsus 22.14 mm (Metatarsus R1 8.10 mm R2 5.87 mm R5 2.11 mm) Weight 3.20 g  
Documentation: Video \_\_\_\_\_ Photo \_\_\_\_\_ Feathers Taken: R1 ✓ R2 ✓ R5 ✓ Gorge \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks new grey feathers on upper track Scribe B. Montalvo  
Recap: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Locality \_\_\_\_\_ Fat \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ g Color Mark: whi yel grn blu pur or gn  
Primaries: All Present \_\_\_\_\_ W F or Missing: 1 % 2 % 3 % 4 % 5 % 6 % 7 % 8 % 9 % 10 %  
Rectrices: All Present \_\_\_\_\_ W F or Missing: R1 % R2 % R3 % R4 % R5 %  
L1 % L2 % L3 % L4 % L5 %  
Contour: No Molt \_\_\_\_\_ or Crown \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Rump \_\_\_\_\_ Gorge \_\_\_\_\_ Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Belly \_\_\_\_\_ Wing Coverts \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_ Scribe \_\_\_\_\_

