

# 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: **Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
**One adult male.**
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **East Baton Rouge**  
Specific Locality: **Lane house, Baton Rouge**
4. Date(s) when observed: **22-28 January 2025**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **about 12:30pm at first observation on 22 January.**  
**Heard at dawn on 28 January.**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science, Baton Rouge**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Many including John Dillon, Van Remsen, Esme Rosen, Lauren Harter, David Vander Pluym, Eryn Woernley, Phil Stouffer, Robb Brumfield, Eamon Corbett, etc.**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Variable, but both in good sunlight, overcast.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10x40 binocular.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **at closest, about 6 feet.**
12. Duration of observation: **Several hours.**
13. Habitat: **suburban neighborhood with railroad tracks providing a "greenway".**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): First detected at feeders, then actively defending them against the other hummingbirds in the yard, including the male Black-chins that had been the top of the dominance hierarchy up until that point. Typically perched high in bushes and small trees around yard, often singing in morning until around noon. Obvious and easily detected for the week he was present.

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 fairly large hummingbird (larger than the Black-chinned, Ruby-throated, Rufous also present) with extensive magenta gorget that extends beyond the sides of the throat with sharp corners, also a magenta frontlet and patch behind the eye. Upperparts dark emerald green, underparts with green vest, whiter in the center, and whitish scaling on flanks. Wings do not produce ringing sound. Tail deeply notched, no rufous present.

16. Voice: First heard giving chip calls and chase notes (recordings here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S210291110> ). Then, on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, he began singing (recordings here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S210369302>).

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Originally, with my first brief views, I thought this bird was a male Broad-tailed, but the gorget extending beyond the sides of the throat, the frontlet, the lack of wing-ring, and the tail color and shape, once seen well, clearly eliminated that species. Costa's is similar, but has different calls, smaller than Black-chinned, purple gorget and frontlet. No other hummingbird is similar.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? Yes. Below are several of mine. Others are available here: <https://media.ebird.org/catalog?taxonCode=annhum&regionCode=US-LA-033&mediaType=photo&view=grid&beginYear=2025&endYear=2025>

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive, including 3 prior observations (of females) in Louisiana, but many in CA, OR, AZ.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation  
(\_\_\_\_\_notes attached?);\_\_\_\_\_notes made after the observation (date:\_\_\_\_\_);  
\_\_X\_\_memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: \_\_\_\_\_Daniel Lane\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_29 Jan 2025\_\_Time:\_\_\_2:20pm\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_























