

**LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION**

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Species: Broad-billed Hummingbird, *Cynanthus latirostris*

Location: Private residence on Grand Caillou Road ca. 8 mi. S Houma, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

Date: 28 October 2017

Age and sex: Adult female

Number of individuals: One

Other observers: Marquette Mutchler, Matt Brady, Nancy Newfield, Jennifer and Allan Gibson

Original observer: Jennifer and Allan Gibson

Circumstances:

Marky, Matt, and I accompanied Nancy Newfield to the home of Jennifer and Allan to attempt to capture and band a Broad-billed Hummingbird that had been present at their house. We arrived soon after dawn, and heard the hummingbird calling upon stepping out of the car. It flew away quickly after we heard it, but within a few minutes we set up a hummingbird trap and caught the Broad-billed. It was a banded individual, returning from the previous winter. Nancy processed the bird and took all relevant data, which I imagine will be submitted to the LBRC in time. I was operating the hummingbird trap to attempt to catch a Rufous Hummingbird, so I was not present for the processing of the Broad-billed. After release, the Broad-billed returned to the vicinity of the feeders and was easily observed until we left. The eBird checklist is here:

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S40166622>

Description:

Somewhat larger than nearby Ruby-throated, Black-chinned, and Rufous hummingbirds. Green above and dusky gray below, not contrasting much. Bill was mostly black with a red base to the mandible. Eye and feet were black. There was a broad blackish line from the eye through the auriculars, bordered above (between the black and the green of the crown) by a pale gray supercilium. The tail was quite broad and fanned frequently, and was black with white corners.

Discussion:

A very distinctive hummingbird, even in female plumage. No other Louisiana hummingbird species has the combination of red on the bill, gray supercilium, and dusky underparts. White-eared Hummingbird would have a bold white supercilium.





