

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Broad-billed Hummingbird, *Cynanthus latirostris*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 HY Male
3. Parish:
Orleans
4. Specific Locality:
41XX Rayne Dr, New Orleans, LA 70122
5. Date(s) when observed: 20 November 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 13:15
7. Reporting observer: Shae Freeman
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Christi X
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
James Beck
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Very sunny, feeders hanging under small trees/shrubbery in dappled sunlight- basically broad daylight
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 8x40 SFL binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): Less than 10 feet
13. Duration of observation: 41 minutes
14. Habitat: Cultivated back yard w/feeders, birdbath and native plants. Property backs up to what is referred to as the "accidental forest", which is an area that is a protected chunk of successional forest near the Dillard campus in New Orleans.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was casually feeding at regular intervals, then perching in nearby trees, often flying quite close to us. A few times it perched in a limb very close to my face, less than 5 feet away. However, it did not seem to be exhibiting territorial behavior, just fairly normal feeding and perching for a hummingbird.

16. 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):

Base of bill and lower mandible red, with a darker coloration on top towards the tip. Bird was slightly larger than nearby RTHU, and more brilliantly colored. Wings noticeably long and dark. Back was iridescent green with iridescent blue showing on forehead and throat. White malar stripe and white eyebrow.

17. Voice: Call reminiscent of a RCKI, sharp staccato calls before it would fly in to feed.

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

I was actually expecting a buff-bellied hummingbird as I was told that's what it was before I went to visit the bird. However, I do have experience with BBEH and this bird did not fit that description. It had blue on throat and forehead as noted in description, instead of the green that would be seen on a BBEH. Also, the base of bill is indeed broad unlike other hummingbirds. Nothing else in this range is similar as far as I am aware.

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

Photographs, by me, attached

20. Previous experience with this species: This was a lifer!

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

photo review compared to photos on Merlin app, sent to James Beck for verification.

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

21 November 2024

25. 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

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

Yes





