

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: Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1, adult male
3. Locality: Parish: Orleans
Specific Locality: Ridge Trail parking lot, Bayou Sauvage NWR
4. Date(s) when observed: 23 Jan 2013
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:15am
6. Reporting observer and address: Erik I. Johnson, 102 Goodwood Cir., Lafayette, LA 70508
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Shawn Kurtzman reported to LABird seeing the bird on 18 Jan 2013. Found again by Phillip Wallace (LABird) on 19 Jan 2013. Both observers reported seeing the bird in the immediate vicinity of the same parking lot.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny morning light. Sun at about 90 degrees relative to me and bird.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Swarovski EL binoculars.
11. Distance to bird(s): ~30 feet
12. Duration of observation: 5 seconds. Really brief, I know.

13. Habitat: Mixed hardwood and shrub/scrub.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Saw an orange bird moving in live oak, but mostly obscured by vegetation. In mixed flock with other regular winter songbirds (incl. Blue-headed Vireo, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Orange crowned Warbler, and perhaps others). Then flew out across open parking lot into reeds on the south end of the parking area and disappeared. Tried to pish it out, but no luck.

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): Just an oriole-sized bird with bits of bright orange visible in trees, briefly. Then flew out across the parking area – I could see lots of bright orange in the upperparts with a black back and some black in the face. What really stood out was a bright white patch in the wings during tucks (a quick series of flaps with a couple of brief glides across parking lot, with fairly linear flight path).

16. Voice: not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Only Baltimore Oriole would have that much bright orange. Would have more black in the head and would lack large white wing patches.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): no

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen adult males and female/imm males a few times.

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

a. at time of observation: Audubon iPhone app

b. after observation: none.

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (____ notes attached?); X notes made after the observation (date: 24 Jan 2013); X memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Given how brief the sighting was, and that I really only saw it well while in flight (if that's considered "well"), I

wouldn't say I'm 100%. But I can't imagine what else it would have been. Given it was reported here previously, I'm nearly certain.

23. Date: 27 Jan 2013 Time: 12:45pm

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

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