

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> .

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 first-year male.
3. Parish: Lafourche
Specific Locality: 106 Cedar St. Thibodaux, LA. 70301
4. Date(s) when observed: 3-24-2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:03AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Natalie Waters, 106 Cedar St. Thibodaux, LA. 70301
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): None.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): 100% cloud cover, no harsh light/shade.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D3100 digital camera with AF-S Nikkor 70-300mm telephoto lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): 30 feet.
12. Duration of observation: 3 minutes

13. Habitat: Small suburban backyard habitat with three orange trees, pecan tree, holly, bottle brush tree, shrimp plants, bird baths, feeders, etc...

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was preening its feathers before it flew.

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*): Obvious black throat with distinct black lores and eyeline. Its crown had muted gray/dusky cap appearance, yellow supercilium, auriculars, breast, and tail. Back grey in color with white wing bars. The transition from its yellow breast to its white belly was fairly abrupt, not blended.

16. Voice: Not vocal.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): An adult male Baltimore Oriole has a completely black head and throat, bright orange breast, belly and vent. Female Baltimore Orioles lack the distinct black eyeline paired with a black bib and bright yellow supercilium and cheeks that first year male Bullock's Orioles possess.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. Photographs by Natalie Waters

19. Previous experience with this species: No.

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

a. at time of observation: I did not have an identification guide at the time of observation

b. after observation: The Sibley Guide to Birds Second Edition and Steven Cardiff confirmed my photos.

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	3/24/17
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 3/24/17

Time: 4:00 PM

24. 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. _____

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









