

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):
one individual, female, age unknown
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Harahan Mississippi river batture at end of Glenwood Ave. mile marker 310
4. Date(s) when observed: Thursday January 11, 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:30 PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Cathy DiSalvo
7304 Stoneleigh Drive
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Philip DiSalvo
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): heavily overcast day, dark, backlit conditions
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss binoculars 10x40
11. Distance to bird(s): 30 ft
12. Duration of observation: about 15 minutes
13. Habitat bare tree line along pond adjacent to the Mississippi River. Tree line was

between levee and pond

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): bird was foraging on Chinese tallow and sapsucker wells

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*): slightly smaller than nearby mocking bird, pointy dark bill, gray back with 2 obvious wing bars, gray crown, dull yellow throat and upper breast. Belly pale gray yellow, much lighter than breast. Small brownish eye line and very slight, non-distinct yellowish eyebrow

16. Voice: no vocalizations

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

A documented male bullock's Oriole was seen in this exact location on 1/07/18. This bird could be confused with immature Baltimore oriole but this bird has a much paler belly and throat. The small eye line, evident in photo, indicates a Bullocks, this is not present in immature Baltimore's.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): attached photos taken by me, enhanced by J Remsen to see details. Photo quality was poor at best due to low lighting and back lit conditions.

19. Previous experience with this species: little

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

a. at time of observation: Referred to National Geographic Field Guide to the birds 6th edition. photos

b. after observation: National Geographic field Guides to the Birds 7 ed. and Sibley guide to birds 2nd ed., enlarged photos and enhanced photo per Dr. Remsen

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?	In field on ebird app
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation. At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images	

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Due to poor lighting and photos and lack of experience with this bird and similarity to immature Baltimore Oriole I was not sure of ID. I sent photos to Dr Remsen for confirmation.

23. Date: 1/13/18
Time:2:30 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_____



