

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: *Curve-billed Thrasher*, *Toxostoma curvirostre*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *One*
3. Locality: Parish: East Baton Rouge
Specific Locality: 1978 Longwood Dr, Baton Rouge
4. Date(s) when observed: *19 March 2018*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *1000 CDT*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *I overlapped at scene and observed bird with Dan Lane, Bret Whitney*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *Many; a well-known stakeout brought to the attention of the birding community by Jane Patterson*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *overcast sky, but plenty light by 1000*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *as close as 15-20 m*
12. Duration of observation: *25 min*
13. Habitat: *suburban yards w/ mowed lawns, manicured and shrubby flower beds*

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): *When we first found the bird, it was foraging on the ground, in/among dirt ruts in the lawn, created by construction equipment (home renovation work apparently began the same morning); after foraging for 1-20 min, bird flew across the street and perched on a chimney for 10+ min (at which time I left)*

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): *Warm-gray colored thrasher, generally similar in size and proportions to Brown Thrasher (nearby), plain above, indistinct and faint spotting on breast, spotting becoming more sparse on belly; bright yellow-orange eye, very long and strongly decurved black bill; thin pale malar stripe bordered below by thin dark lateral throat stripe.*

16. Voice: *Not vocal during my observation*

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): *Given combination of yellow eye and dull spotting on breast, Bendire's Thrasher is the only candidate for confusion. Bendire's eliminated by long and strongly decurved bill (Bendire's has shorter and, more importantly, straighter bill), and by round breast spots (Bendire's typically has more chevron-shaped breast spots).*

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): *Photos, by Robert C. Dobbs, attached.*

19. Previous experience with this species: *Extensive experience with this and similar species in the desert SW, USA.*

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

a. at time of observation: *none*

b. after observation: *none*

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); X notes made after the observation (date: *20 March 2018*); _____ memory; X images taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: *Yes*

23. Date: 20 March 2018 Time: 0900 CDT

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







