

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: Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One
3. Parish: East Baton Rouge
Specific Locality: Longwood Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
4. Date(s) when observed: March 23, 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:15pm
6. Reporting observer and address: James F. Holmes (Jim), 4109 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): James F. Holmes, Sr.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Stakeout (unsure who originally found the bird)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x42 binoculars in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 85 feet
12. Duration of observation: < 2 minutes

13. Habitat: neighborhood

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): perched on fence and then flew down to the ground

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*): A gray brown thrasher with long, dark, decurved bill. Yellow-orange eye. Throat white with spotting starting on the inferior aspect of the throat and going into chest. Gray-brown spotting across chest and abdomen but most concentrated in chest, essentially becoming confluent almost like a band across upper chest. Back, wings tail all gray-brown. Very minimal white edgings to edges of wing coverts forming a very slight wing bar. Legs dark. Underside of tail not seen well.

I believe this bird is from the *T. c. curvirostre* group (as opposed to *T. c. palmeri*) group based on:

- 1) Presence of faint wing bars.
- 2) Spotting on the upper breast is confluent (like a breast band) but becoming isolated on lower breast and flanks.
- 3) Presence of gray-brown spotting at base of white throat
- 4) Wings slightly contrasting with gray back and flanks

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Bendire's Thrasher: The bill was much more curved than this species and breast more spotted than Bendire's.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by James F. Holmes (Jim) and James F. Holmes, Sr. are submitted with the report and can also be viewed in the eBird report:

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S43915440>

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species on numerous occasions. Most recently, I saw this species in New Mexico (February 2 and 4, 2018) and in Woodland, CA (January 26, 2018). The bird in Woodland is believed to be from the *T. c. curvirostre* group.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: <http://www.sibleyguides.com/bird-info/curve-billed-thrasher/>
(website reviewed after observation)

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?	March 24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: March 31, 2018

Time: 11:15am

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 _____

