

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 curvirostris*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): [1, immature \(SY\), sex unknown](#)
3. Parish: [East Baton Rouge](#)
Specific Locality: [Two houses north of Woodside on Longwood Dr.](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [19 March 2018](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [8:40 am](#)
6. Reporting observer and address: [Erik I. Johnson, 102 Goodwood Cir., Lafayette, LA](#)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [none](#)
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [When I arrived, Katie Percy, Nancy Newfield, Mark Meunier, Joan Garvey, and Cathy DiSalvo were already there and on the bird. Many others had seen the bird before and after me \(fide LAbird and eBird\).](#)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Sunny, light wind. The bird was mostly E and NE, in morning light, but not strongly silhouetted. Colors, including eye color, were visible with binoculars and a scope.](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [10x42 Swarovski EL binoculars, Swarovski 25-50x spotting scope, Samsung S6 smartphone camera](#)
11. Distance to bird(s): [About 50 feet.](#)
12. Duration of observation: [20 minutes](#)
13. Habitat: [Old residential \(vegetated with gardens and a mix of trees\)](#)
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): When I arrived, it was sitting on the peak of a roof, looking east, and basically stayed like that for about 15 minutes. Then it turn 180 degrees and flew across the street, briefly landing on the house across there, and then dove down behind the house. I didn't see it re-emerge.

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*):

Notes at time of observation: "Yellow eye, splotchy below, grayish-brown back only slightly blending into smudgy underparts. Wings dull medium-brown; molt limit between s9 and s8 (=SY)."

16. Voice: Not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Unspotted below eliminates Brown and Long-billed Thrashers, and no white in tail or wings eliminates mockingbirds. Generally unpatterned and with a distinctly curved bill eliminates other potential long-shot vagrant mimids. Proportions and coloration wrong for any potential turdid. Distinctly yellow eye eliminates a lot of other passerines.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by me, submitted.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen a few over several trips to TX, including one about a month ago (but with a much more distinctly orange eye).

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Sibley Guide to NA Birds

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S43792722
<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: Yes

23. Date: 22 March 2018
Time: 5:40 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](#)





