

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: Golden-crowned Sparrow, *Zonotrichia atricapilla*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One male, presumed adult in basic plumage

3. Parish: Bossier

Specific Locality: Red River WMA

4. Date(s) when observed: 8 February 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~1200

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Linda Kingsland, Nancy L. Newfield, Bill Wood, Ronnie Maum

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Bill Wood, Terry Davis, many observers

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): high noon sun, no cloud cover – bird seen in direct sunlight

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42 (two pairs)

11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 25-30 ft.

12. Duration of observation: ca. 3-5 minutes

13. Habitat: base of levee with lots of undergrowth (*Rubus*, etc.), fallen tree debris and sparse tree line.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird came in briefly with mostly White-crowned Sparrows, Song, Savannah, Field and White-throated also present. Fed on bird seed broadcasted on ground by observers.

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*): Large sparrow with brown back and tail with black edging to feathers on mantle and wings. Gray underparts with brown head with golden smudge on front of crown outlined in black. Legs pink.

16. Voice: n/a

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Immature White-crowned Sparrow has buffy streaking on head, not yellow and is not bordered with black.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, one photo by Linda Kingsland.

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Sibley

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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: 16 February 2020
Time: 1628

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 _____