

# 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: *Golden-crowned Sparrow, Zonotrichia atricapilla*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *One presumed adult*
3. Locality: Parish: *Bossier* \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Locality: *Red River NWR headquarters/visitor center* \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date(s) when observed: *16 February 2020*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *0945-1000 CST*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *NA*
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): *many other observers*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *overcast sky, but relatively bright out--later in morning, bird not in shade*
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): *15 m*
12. Duration of observation: *15 min or so*
13. Habitat: *brushy tangles of vines and undergrowth, ca. 1 m tall, in grove of taller, widely spaced, large trees*

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [foraging, preening](#)

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): [Robust sparrow, generally similar to White-crowned in size and structure. Plain grayish throat, breast, and belly. Brownish upperparts with white tips to brown upperwing coverts. Head with gray face and black lateral crown stripes bordering yellow crown. Yellow on crown transitioned to gray on hindcrown, with some streaking.](#)

16. Voice: [not observed to be vocal](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Adult/near-adult distinctive; it's a stretch to claim anything similar.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Yes, attached, by Robert C. Dobbs](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Have seen many on Pacific coast, and, occasionally, in intermountain west](#)

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?); \_\_\_\_\_ notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); [\\_\\_X\\_\\_](#) memory; [\\_\\_X\\_\\_](#) images taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: [Yes, positive](#)

23. Date: [\\_13 June 2020\\_](#) Time: [\\_1438 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\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)



