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 adult
- 3. Parish: Bossier

Specific Locality Red River N.W.R HQ, note where the main brown metal gate is. The sparrow is to the north side of the gate (to the left if you're entering, right if you're leaving) in the brambles 50-100 feet in

- 4. Date(s) when observed: 26/Jan/2020
- 5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:05 am
- 6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Michael Musumeche
City: New Iberia
State: LA 70560

- 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): none
- 8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Terry Davis, John Dillon
- 9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast, light rain
- 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swa. 10x42
- 11. Distance to bird(s): 50 feet
- 12. Duration of observation: 3 minutes

- 13. Habitat: brush, small shrubs, small trees
- 14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Seemed to be searching for food before it perched on a shrub and I photographed it.
- 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 light grayish breast, heavy black stripe above eyes to /through area above beak., yellow head stripe.
- 16. Voice: none noted
- 17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): White-crowned Sparrow does not possess yellow crown stripe.
- 18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): See #6 above to Paul Conover.
- 19. Previous experience with this species: Limited to a few times in Alaska.
- 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:

	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
X	memory		
	study of images		

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

23. Date: 26/Jan/2020 Time: 4:35 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			







