

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One individual in unknown plumage of unknown sex
3. Parish: Plaquemines
Specific Locality: Diamond Recreational Park
4. Date(s) when observed: 26 January 2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1300-1330
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: Louisiana
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Linda Kingsland
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Van Remsen and David Muth
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 8x42 Diamonbacks
11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 10ft. – 50ft.
12. Duration of observation: ca. 30 minutes
13. Habitat: Second-growth wood edge in recreation park with Live Oaks, Chinese Tallow, Great Ragweed, etc.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Actively foraging, routinely vocalizing and actively pumping its tail. Foraging height averaged between less than 1 ft. off the ground to over 8 ft.
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): Small flycatcher, relatively large-headed appearance, dark maxilla and yellow-orange mandible. Fairly conspicuous eye ring on grayish head with grayish-white upperparts and yellowish wash to the underparts. Wings had two distinct wingbars with short primary projection. Tail dark.

16. Voice: Repeated *whit* calls most commonly given, but on several occasions, a full *cheeweck*-type vocalization was also given. [Audio](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Tail-dipping and voice.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, both photos by myself and Linda Kingsland were obtained, as well as voice recordings.

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: Xeno-canto, 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: 26 January 2019

Time: 2014

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 _____

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