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## 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: Mexican Violetear Colibri thalassinus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 possible immature in view of amount of grey on the belly
3. Locality: Parish: Bienville  
Specific Locality: Jot Em Down Drive Arcadia, LA

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4. Date(s) when observed: 7-12-16
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 6:50 and 7:45 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Charles Lyon 11055 Seville Quarters Shreveport, LA 71106
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): homeowner Donna Butler
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): It was sunny outside with evening sun, but I was under the covered porch and the light was fairly poor. I had to use a high ISO setting to take my photos, which are a part of the record.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Swarovski binoculars Canon 500 mm f 4 lens
11. Distance to bird(s): 15 feet
12. Duration of observation: one observation at 6:50 pm of about 60-90 seconds and a second observation at 7:45 pm of about 60 seconds. Photos were obtained during each observation
13. Habitat: The bird came to one of about a dozen hummingbird feeders in a rural backyard in an area of upland hardwood and pine forest. The feeder the bird came to was hanging on the edge of the porch.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): actively feeding on hummingbird feeder while in hover flight...see photos.
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):large dark long winged hummingbird about an inch bigger than numerous Ruby-throated Hummingbirds also present. Long slightly decurved black bill...mostly brilliant dark green with strong purplish (violet) ear patch. The violet blue on the breast of this individual separates it from the newly split Lesser Violetear. Some violet blue is also noted on the chin which is good for Mexican Violetear and not Lesser Violetear. The tail was blue with a dark purple band across it. See photos for verification of above noted field marks.

16. Voice: silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): As noted above. Sparkling Violetear is larger and would have a much more pronounced bluish patch across the breast. This individual had considerable light gray on the belly and may be an immature bird.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):Nine photos by Charles Lyon are also part of the record.

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species before in Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
My photos, iBird PRO and Sibley

a. at time of observation: my photos and iBird PRO

b. after observation: Sibley

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_\_notes attached?); \_\_\_\_\_notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); \_\_\_\_\_memory. Review of my photos

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

23. Date: \_\_7-27-16\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_8:00 pm\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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