

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: *Green-tailed Towhee, Pipilo chlorurus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *One individual*
3. Locality: Parish: *Lafayette*
Specific Locality: *Hoffpauir Rd.*
4. Date(s) when observed: *21 April 2024*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *1537-1623 CDT*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Andy From*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *homeowner, who discovered and identified the bird "7-10 d" prior to the sighting reported here (and homeowner's last sighting was later reported to be 22 April 2024)*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *bright conditions under afternoon sun and mostly clear skies; bird observed in deep shade beneath vegetation, exposed in bright sun, and exposed in subdued light of passing cloud*
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): *initially 30 m, then as close as 15 m*

12. Duration of observation: 46 min (though bird was concealed by veg and not visible for ca. 30% of that time)

13. Habitat: flower beds bordering home and mowed lawn

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was primarily foraging when visible, using the typical double-scratch technique typical of towhees, where the bird hops forward and immediately scratches backwards with both feet to expose potential food items beneath leaf litter. The bird also preened for a bit on or near the ground, and perched in a Gardenia bush for a short while during our observation.

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): Size, shape, and structure like a large sparrow; gray back and (slightly paler) gray underparts, contrasting with white throat, white submalar and white supraloral spots; chestnut-reddish crown; greenish-gray nape; greenish upper wing coverts, and bright green edging on flight feathers and outer rectrices

16. Voice: Not vocal

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): No similar species

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photos by Robert C. Dobbs, attached

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive (previously studied the species in Arizona and Utah)

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

23. Date: 29 April 2024 Time: 0920

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





