

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 adult
3. Parish:
Vermilion
4. Specific Locality:
Outside Island Rd
5. Date(s) when observed: December 16, 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:54 am-12:04 pm
7. Reporting observer: Phillip Wallace
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Dave Patton (discovered the bird), Mac Myers, Jim Whelan, Bill Vermillion, Alan Broussard
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Judge and Elizabeth Edwards (December 20), Esme Rosen (heard only December 31)
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good. Bird was to the west of the observers and the sun was to the south.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondback binoculars (10x42)
12. Distance to bird(s): 15-30 yards
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
14. Habitat: Edge of fallow field adjacent to marsh
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Dave spotted the bird before we started E Screech Owl recording. Bird responded to owl

recording and Green-tailed Towhee recording, but often remaining obscured by vegetation.

16. 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 of a large sparrow with bright rufous crown, white throat with black rear border and white malar, gray breast and sides, pale gray to dirty white belly, folded wings green with some yellow, greenish-yellow tail.

17. Voice: Mew call.

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Distinctive.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Photographs by Wallace included with this report. Photos by Patton submitted with his report.

20. Previous experience with this species: I've seen out west several times; saw twice during the Louisiana invasion year (2011-12), and saw in Cameron January 18, 2025.

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
Looked at Sibley and at Rising's "The Sparrows of the United States and Canada"

22. Identification aids used when?
After observation

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:
Yes

24. Date report completed:
January 12, 2026

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes







