

# 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>](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net) .

1. English and Scientific names: [Piranga flava](#), Hepatic Tanager
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1  
maybe 2 but as of now second bird not confirmed
3. Parish: Jefferson  
Specific Locality: 29.928992, -90.210505
4. Date(s) when observed: 1/12/2024
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:40 pm-4:00pm
6. Reporting observer and city/state address  
Reporting observer: Claire Thomas  
City: Mandeville  
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Malise Prieto
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): NA
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sometimes in shade. In sun with face facing into light. Also backlit.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon 10x42 LiS WP 6.5 image stabilizing binoculars and Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ200, F2.8, 25-600mm Leica lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): 25ft and 30ft

12. Duration of observation: 20mins
  
13. Habitat: Area between river levee and an abandoned golf course with open fields of oak, tallow and bamboo. A clump of bamboo and tallow is where it was feeding. On tallow seeds.
  
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Feeding on tallow tree seeds with a mixed flock of small passerines and one Western Kingbird. Species included in flock were Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Eastern Bluebird and House Finch.
  
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*): Mostly yellow bird, large dark tanager type beak. Orange wash on forehead and under chin. Also under tail. Grey washed back and flanks. Immature/female type. No wing bars.
  
16. Voice: It did vocalize and was picked up by Merlin and IDed as Hepatic Tanager.
  
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Western Tanager has white wing bars and this bird had none. Western Tanager has dark wings and tail and this bird had dusky grey wings and tail. This birds under tail was orange and a Western Tanagers is yellow.
  
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Claire Thomas, attached.
  
19. Previous experience with this species: None
  
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Merlin. iBird Pro. This bird was seen by other birders in this location. This was a steakout.
  - a. at time of observation: Merlin, iBird Pro
  
  - b. after observation: iBird Pro

21. This description is written from:  
notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?  
notes made after the observation. At what date?  
memory X  
study of images X

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

23. Date: 1/13/2024 Time:7:33 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























