

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 male, standard plumage, olive backed
3. Parish: Terrebonne Parish
Specific Locality: Houma, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: 2/6/23
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
4-4:30 pm
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Kaila Authement
City: Houma
State: Louisiana
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): n/a
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): n/a
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): afternoon light, some shadow due to overhead tree
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): naked eye, 30-300 zoom lens
11. Distance to bird(s): 5-20 feet
12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes

13. Habitat: backyard with large oak tree and several smaller trees, multiple feeders present with various feed types

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): first seen on top of black oil sunflower seed feeder. He sat perched there for a few minutes then started eating seed. He flew up into oak tree for a few minutes then flew back down to same feeder. Repeated this a few times and then flew onto nyjer seed feeder. After eating for a few minutes he flew back up into oak tree and sat perched for a while before flying off.

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*): Very bright yellow belly/chest area, black cap covering entire top of head extending to right under the eye. Typical seed eating conical bill with darkish area noted on top of bill. No distinct wing bars visible but has some patches of white on wing are.

16. Voice: Unsure if vocalized as I was snapping so many pictures.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): American goldfinch- black cap extends to back of head, no distinct wingbars

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photos attached taken by myself Kaila Authement

19. Previous experience with this species: none

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: Merlin, google

b. after observation: Terrebonne bird club facebook group

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. Kaila Authement

Date: 2/7/23

Time: 3:40 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_____





