

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: **Lucifer Hummingbird** *Calothorax lucifer*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **one bird, female, somewhat ratty plumage**
3. Parish: **Iberia**
Specific Locality: **1621 Southwood Dr. New Iberia, Louisiana**
4. Date(s) when observed: **8/Dec/2017**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **10:20 am-2:00 pm**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Michael Musumeche, 1621 Southwood Dr., New Iberia, Louisiana**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **none**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *****Images were sent to Van Remsen, Kelly Bryant, Sheri Williamson. All determined the bird was a Lucifer Hummingbird. Others who were sent images suggested it was a Lucifer Hummingbird.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **completely overcast, snowing**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Swarovski 10x40 binoculars**
11. Distance to bird(s): **5 meters**
12. Duration of observation: **on and off for 3 hours & 40 minutes**

13. Habitat: **residential neighborhood, bird was actively feeding from a hummingbird feeder hanging in a grape vine.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Bird spent most of the time either actively feeding or remained perched but not feeding. Periodically it would fly a short distance and perch on grape vine.**

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*): **Hummingbird with a long, black decurved bill, rufous in rectrices, short green inner rectrices, blackish in face, underparts pale rufous, whitish throat, greenish back.**

16. Voice: **none noted**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Superficially resembled a R/A but bill was deeply decurved and different and tail color was different

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): **Yes, by #6 above and will be sent to Paul Conover.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Very little in west Texas and Arizona.**

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

a. at time of observation: **The three references listed above**

b. after observation: **The three references listed above**

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. Date: **12/Dec/2017**

Time: **4:30 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** _____