

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
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:

Lucy's Warbler, *Vermivora luciae*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

One, adult

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Jefferson Parish, NE quadrant of Grilleta Tract – The Nature Conservancy.

4. Date(s) when observed:

November 24, 2014

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Casey Wright

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Van Remsen, Steve Cardiff, Phillip Wallace, David Muth, and many others.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Mid-Morning, light coming from above at angle.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss 10 x 42 binoculars in good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately 20 feet.

12. Duration of Observation:

About 30 seconds.

13. Habitat:

Coastal live oak chennier.

14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observations (flying, feeding, resting; including and stress habits in identification: relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was first found by Casey Wright foraging in low, eye level live oak branches. I saw the bird as it went down from above an opening in the leaves to a lower branch where it paused momentarily before disappearing into dense leaves. It was foraging with at least two Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and one Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

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):

Very small warbler that was gray above and light below. White under tail. Had eye ring. Caught glimpse of rufous rump.

16. Voice:

None.

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

Somewhat resembled Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher but tail was blunt, not elongated. Bird was more robust than gnatcatcher.

18. Photos/Recordings:

We were unable to secure photos of the bird.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have seen Lucy's in SE Arizona.

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

a. at time of observation:

Sibley's Field Guide

b. after observation:

National Geographic Field Guide.

21. This description is written from: notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation; memory.

LUWA 10:15 AM 11-24-14, Grilletta Tract. Seen briefly. Dark gray above – light gray below, white eye ring, caught glimpse of rufous rump. In live oak forest. White undertail, C. Wright.

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

Yes

23. Signature of reporter Jay V. Huner 02/06/2015 1:35 PM