

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 *Oreothlypis luciae*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one; female; unknown age
3. Locality: Parish: Jefferson Parish

Specific Locality: back of Grilletta Tract Grand Isle

4. Date(s) when observed: 11/10/2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:00 am
6. Reporting observer and address: Mary Mehaffey, 84305 Cobblestone Ct., Folsom, LA m11mehaffey@att.net
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Joan Garvey
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Dr. Van Remsen on 11/5/14 and Erik Johnson on 11/7/2014
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): bird was out in the open on edge of bush in full sunlight; no shade on bird

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8 x 40 Alpen binoculars; excellent condition

11. Distance to bird(s): about 40 feet

12. Duration of observation: 6 seconds

13. Habitat: low brushy and weedy field

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

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):

saw the side view of the bird and it was about the size of a Ruby-crowned Kinglet but more slender or a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher but with much smaller tail; small thin and pointed black bill; small dark eye, plain face with blank look about it; gray back, head, tail, and wings with no noticeable bars, buffy sides of breast and flanks

16. Voice: Did not call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Ruby-crowned Kinglet—the eye on this bird was much smaller and no white wing bars present; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—this bird had much smaller tail and tail was gray not black; Orange-crowned Warbler—this bird was much smaller and had no yellow on it and no eye line through the eye

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none taken

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species once in southwest Texas, once in Nevada, once in New Mexico, twice in Utah, and three times in Arizona

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Ibird Plus and Sibley's Guide to Birds of NA Western Guide

a. at time of observation: Ibird Plus

b. after observation: back at car Sibley's Guide to Birds of NA Western Guide

21. This description is written from: ___x___ notes made during the observation (___ notes attached?); ___x___ notes made after the observation (date: same day in car 11/10/2014 ___); ___ memory.

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

23. Date: 11/12/2014 _____ Time: 3:15 pm _____

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? ___Yes_____

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

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