

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: Lucy's Warbler (*Oreothlypis luciae*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 individual, presumed SY Male (HY when first observed in 2014).
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Grand Isle. Seen at Grilletta Tract 3 times; Seen for the last time at Landry-Leblanc Tract
4. Date(s) when observed: 11/07/14; 11/24/14; 01/17/15; 03/06/15
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Morning the first two observations, and early afternoon for the other two observations
6. Reporting observer and address:
Casey Wright
PO Box 1109
Grand Isle, LA70358
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
11/07/14: With Erik Johnson, Molly Richard, and Natalie Waters
11/24/14: With Jay Huner
01/17/15: With Natalie Waters
03/06/15: By myself
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good lighting on all occasions
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x50. Good condition

11. Distance to bird(s):

11/07/14: 50 feet

11/24/14: 25 feet

01/17/15: 100 feet

03/06/15: 5-10 feet.

12. Duration of observation:

11/07/14: 1 minute

11/24/14: less than 1 minute

01/17/15: 1.5 minutes

03/06/15: 3 minutes

13. Habitat:

11/07/14-01/17/15: Foraging in a low shrubby area on the north side of Grilletta tract

03/06/15: Foraging with a mixed flock of early migrants in oak trees

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

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*): Small warbler with gray back and white eye ring, rusty rump. Similar in size to Gnatcatcher but with shorter tail

16. Voice:

Did not vocalize. On 01/17/15, I thought I heard a LUWA chip note shortly before it appeared but am not very familiar with LUWA chip notes so couldn't rule out other species.

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

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Slightly smaller, with a shorter tail. BGGN lacks rusty rump

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Erik Johnson photographed the bird on 11/07/14.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/67389689@N00/15548122628>

19. Previous experience with this species:

None

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

a. at time of observation:

Already knew what to look for beforehand by using Sibley guide, as this was a stakeout bird

b. after observation:

Sibley guide; Audubon app

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?	No, wrote notes in ebird checklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation. At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images	

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

Yes

23. Date: 06/10/15

Time: 13:39

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 _____