

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: (keyed out as) Pacific Slope Flycatcher *Empidonax difficilis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Locality: Cameron Parish
Specific Locality: Johnsons Bayou Area
4. Date(s) when observed: 10/03/2009
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Mid-morning
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mac Myers and Matthew Pontiff
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): Specimen
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Specimen
11. Distance to bird(s): N/A; collected
12. Duration of observation: Specimen
13. Habitat: degraded chenier woods, bird was in an area with medium sized trees, dense understory, and was seen at several heights usually in combat with other empids that were present.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: Bird was interacting with at least two other empids that also seemed interesting. Mac and Matt thought the calls were interesting, and looks at this bird indicated a Western-type flycatcher. We played various calls of extralimital empids, and this bird came in close.
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):

Green and yellow empid, eyering broadened at rear and broken at top. Yellowish beneath with greenish-brown wash across breast. Primary projection long. Bill somewhat long, fairly broad at base, pale lower mandible.

16. Voice:

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

Bird subsequently (2016) keyed out by Steve Cardiff.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photo by Matt Pontiff, specimen collected by me.

19. Previous experience with this species: Limited, mainly within the bird's breeding range.

20. This description is written from memory and observation of specimen.

21. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Not as positive as DNA would make me, but SWC used the accepted keys to arrive at the ID, and I endorse his methods and results.

22. Date: 06/11/2016