

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Pacific-slope Flycatcher, *Empidonax difficilis*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
One unsexed, age unknown but guessing adult?

3. Parish: Plaquemines

Specific Locality: Braithwaite subdivision

4. Date(s) when observed: 15 February 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 0900-ca. 0920

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: LA

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

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Robb Brumfield, Jim Holmes Jr.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was initially seen with sunlight at our backs, illuminating the bird optimally. We additionally viewed the bird in shadows of vine tangles and in partially exposed sunlit branches.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42 (2 pair)

11. Distance to bird(s): varying from 15-30 ft.

12. Duration of observation: ca. 20 minutes

13. Habitat: Shrubby undergrowth (*Rubus* sp., other unidentified vines and woody plants) near a row of Live Oaks near a levee.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was actively foraging, observed flycatching crane flies (*Tipula* sp.) in mid-low height.

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*): Yellowish *Empidonax* with a very well-defined “almond” or “teardrop-shaped” eyering. Greener plumage on back, head and dark wings and tail with two well-pronounced wingbars. Maxilla dark and mandible orange-yellowish. Short primary projection.

16. Voice: Initially silent, bird began giving a series of high-pitched metallic chips, which we obtained recordings of. Twice, the bird gave a full call, which was slurred up in pitch “*chewie*”.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Cordilleran Flycatcher – voice. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – voice and YBFL has slightly longer primary projection.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. One photo by reporting observer and one by Linda Kingsland.

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation: Xeno-canto voice recordings

b. after observation: Xeno-canto voice recordings, my personal recordings and Sibley.

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"/>
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study of images

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

23. Date: 16 February 2020

Time: 1554

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 \_\_\_\_\_

