

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: Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 individual bird, very nice looking, sleek and neat, no visible molting or feather damage, couldn't determine sex, appeared to be an adult.
3. Locality: Parish: Orleans Parish
Specific Locality: City Park, Couturie Forest
4. Date(s) when observed: 8/24/2012
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:45 am
6. Reporting observer and address: Claire Thomas, 19170 Antenor St., Mandeville, LA 70471
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Janine Robin
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Ed Wallace, Joan Garvey, David Muth. All on the same day in the afternoon.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): It was quite overcast with no direct sunlight. The bird was high in a tree against the grey sky.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle optics 10x50 binoculars, Nikon D80 with 200mm lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): approx. 10-15ft. We saw it again from across the model airplane field.

12. Duration of observation: Bird was seen for approx. 10 mins. before flying away. It was later seen in another location for a shorter length of time length of time.

13. Habitat: Edge of pond, in the trees between it and the path. The edge of open field along tree line.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): observed sitting in the top of a tree, resting until it flew off. It was seen again at the model plane field with Great Crested Flycatchers also at the tops of the trees.

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): From my vantage point which was below the bird I could see a yellow wash of color underneath, streaking on breast and chest, and a large eye stripe. It's bill was also large. The bird was about the size of a Great Crested flycatcher but with much more streaking. When it took off it's tail was very rufous/red and shorter than a Great Crested's tail. It also seemed stockier.

16. Voice: none heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Great Crested came to mind when I first saw the bird except this bird had too much streaking and it wasn't as elegant looking, shorter tail and stockier. That was evident when we saw them both at the airplane field. It also had a head color similar to a Black-headed Grosbeak.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I took photos and they will be attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: None by me but Janine had seen one in Grande Isle the year/season before.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley birds of Western North America

a. at time of observation: Nat. Geo. field guide to birds of North America, Sibley birds of Eastern North America

b. after observation: same as above

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

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

23. Date: _____2/18/2013_____ Time: _____10:10pm_____

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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