

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: Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 presumed adult.
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods Sanctuary.
4. Date(s) when observed: 19 April 2016.
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:10pm until approximately 5pm, but only spotted twice briefly in this period.
6. Reporting observer and address:
LSU Museum of Natural Science
119 Foster Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Van Remsen. Others present, but not sure they saw it well enough to identify it.
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): Overcast, but fairly good light.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40 binoculars.
11. Distance to bird(s): Originally about 50-80 ft.
12. Duration of observation: Perhaps only about 2 min.

13. Habitat: Perched in flowering locust amid chenier not far from main water feature.

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

First seen perched quietly about 15-20 ft up in locust that was filled with various orioles. I took a burst of photos, then approached in an effort to get better documentation. All of birds in the locust flew in a group, and I lost track of the flycatcher. An hour and a half later, using playback, Remsen and I saw it fly over twice and land inside a Live Oak, but it was not visible while perched. No vocalizations.

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*): Seen best when first spotted, when I noticed a large tyrannid with black mask, thick blackish submalar stripes, and yellowish-washed underparts with black streaks becoming weaker onto belly. Almost entirely rufous tail was seen while the bird flew during the second encounter.

16. Voice: silent.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): I have extensive experience with all similar species: Streaked Flycatcher, Variegated Flycatcher, and Piratic Flycatcher. The latter two are smaller with small bills and Piratic lacks a largely rufous tail. The first is most similar to Sulphur-bellied, but Mexican migratory forms have weak submalar stripe at best and austral migrant *solitarius* would lack such a rufous tail and have bolder streaks underneath.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive. I have seen it in breeding areas in Arizona, Mexico, and Belize, and more recently in wintering areas in South America (as recently as February). I also have seen the species once before in Louisiana.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes.

23. Date: 21 April 2016

Time: 2:30pm.

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. _____

The four photos below were all the documentation I got. They have been cropped and slightly lightened, but otherwise unaltered. Please see:

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