

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: Scott's Oriole - *Icterus parisorum*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 immature male

3. Parish: Acadia

Specific Locality: 7199 S LA 13, Crowley, LA 70526

4. Date(s) when observed: October 13, 2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:25 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Claire and Tom Hanson
City: Crowley
State: LA

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

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): the sunlight was coming from the East - We were facing North for the most part - and observed the bird while looking straight up - standing underneath a large live oak tree. The bird was high in the canopy of dense oak leaves above us. It was a sunny day - no clouds - temp was in the upper 60's - with low humidity (for Louisiana)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Claire's binoculars: Zeiss Terra ED 8 x 42 - excellent condition (like new)

Tom's binoculars: Nikon Monarch 10 x 42 - excellent condition

Camera used: Nikon D3500 with Nikon DX AF-P Nikkor 70-300mm 1:4.5-6.3G ED

11. Distance to bird(s): Distanced ranged from 20 to 40 feet

12. Duration of observation: 8 to 10 minutes

13. Habitat: The SCOR was observed in a live oak tree - with other large live oak and water oak trees nearby - This "yard" is surrounded on 3 sides by rice fields and to the East are grass fields with a tree-lined gully.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): the bird was quite busy, pushing its way through the leaves and small branches, foraging - we were birding and saw the movement overhead. Began taking photos immediately but never really got a sighting of the entire bird as it stayed in the thick leaves above us. We noted a Yellow Warbler nearby - calling and foraging - but the two didn't seem to be accompanying each other. The Scott's Oriole didn't fly from limb to limb but rather seemed to "barrel through" the dense leaves as it foraged. It finally went too high and we lost sight of it in the overhead branches.

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*): We knew this bird was an oriole - due to it's size, bill, color - but the sooty, dark head threw us - we just couldn't seem to figure that out -

16. Voice: No vocalization

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Orchard Oriole (which is what we thought our bird was...) We had no idea that a Scott's Oriole could make its way to Louisiana... so disregarded it completely.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Over 50 photos taken - several are out of focus due to dense vegetation - but we are attaching the best - edited (cropped and lightened) and unedited

19. Previous experience with this species: No experience with a Scott's Oriole - we have seen many Bullock's and several Orchard Orioles in Colorado in the very recent past

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley V2 app

b. after observation: Sibley Birds East 2nd Edition; eBird website

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes, we are positive - we incorrectly reported the finding on an ebird checklist - initially identified the bird as an Orchard Oriole- we were informed by Steven W. Cardiff, (Louisiana eBird reviewer) that our bird was not the Orchard Oriole but a Scott's Oriole-

23. Date: October 20, 2021

Time: 7:45 p.m.

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 _____























