

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: (keyed out as) Western Wood Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*
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: 9/17/2016
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Early morning
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Phillip Wallace
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: coastal plain with scattered trees.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: Bird was seen on snag. I thought it was dark, so I played a tape. Phillip heard it respond and IDed its voice as that of WWPE. We used playback but had a hard time coordinating playback and record; however, Phillip felt he got a snippet of call.
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):

Pewee, i.e. drab flycatcher slightly larger than empid with long primary projection. Very dusky beneath with broad amount of dark distally on bill.

16. Voice: Phillip heard it call, responding to playback with an echo of the playback call.

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

Bird subsequently and independently keyed out by Steve Cardiff using Phillips/Pyle key. Several LBRC members also measured the bird and got similar results to Steve. Measurements fell into WWPE. Compared to EWPE and other WWPE specimens, bird aligned with WWPE in lacking a small whitish area at base of throat/upper breast.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Specimen.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen many out west, but obviously similarities with EWPE render sight ID meaningless.

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

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

22. Date: 06/30/2018