

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: near Hwy. 82 X John Tee Lane
4. Date(s) when observed: 9/16/2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Seen twice, once about 10:15, then early afternoon
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Van Remsen
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: perched on bare snags in scattered trees on coastal plain
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: Bird was perched, faithful to certain snags, flycatching. The depth of dark suffusion on the breast led us to try playing pewee calls. Bird did not vocally respond.
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.

16. Voice:

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

Bird subsequently and independently keyed out by Van Remsen and Steve Cardiff using Phillips/Pyle key. 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