

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 adult
3. Parish:
Cameron Parish
4. Specific Locality:
Willow Island
5. Date(s) when observed: 9/21/2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:30am
7. Reporting observer: James Smithers
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Becky Amadee; Carson Lambert, Debbi Logan, Jon Wise, Lawrence Datnoff, Michele Giroir, and Randy Frederick
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): under the shade of oak trees with sun shining in from the east side of bird
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica 8 x 42 binoculars and Olympus OM-1 camera with 420mm focal length
12. Distance to bird(s): As close as 5 ft away from the bird for most of the observation
13. Duration of observation: 15 minutes
14. Habitat: Sallying off open snag underneath a canopy of oaks
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Extremely cooperative bird perched only 5 ft away from our large group of people. Bird would occasionally sally off the branch to fly catch, but would return to the same snag throughout entirety of observation

16. 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):

Overall dark Pewee with strongly contrasting dark "vest" slightly lighter in the center of vest but not separating the two sides; yellow-ish belly with some dark spotting on undertail coverts; above the bird was a uniform gray color lacking olive tones; weak upper wing bar with bold lower wing bar; almost completely dark lower mandible with a little lightness at the base; light gray throat.

17. Voice: No vocalizations

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

Eastern Wood-Pewee - Eliminated by darkness of overall color on the bird; strongly developed "vest" and dark markings on undertail coverts; completely dark lower mandible favors Western over Eastern; as well as the weak upper wing bar; lacking olive tones throughout and showing a grayer appearance also favors Western over Eastern. Another point that Cin-Ty Lee made to me was about the photos showing p4 sticking out clearly beyond its longest tertial for WEWP which my photos do confirm.

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

Photos by myself

20. Previous experience with this species: Extensive experience observing this species throughout the Western U.S

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

Macaulay Library, Cin-Ty Lee

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

12/15/2024

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes











