

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
REPORT FORM

1. Species: Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*
2. Number: one male, basic plumage
3. Locality: Louisiana; St. Charles Parish; Luling; Mimosa Park subdivision; home of Matt Touchard
4. Date: 7 February 2004
5. Time: appx. 08:35 cst
6. Reporting observer: B. Mac. Myers III; #5660 Ada Pl.--rear apt.; New Orleans, LA 70124-2811
7. Accompanying observers: Glenn Ousset, Dan Carroll, Matt Touchard
8. Independent observers: Matt Touchard had seen the bird off and on since mid-January
9. Light conditions: good, we were looking generally north
10. Optics: 10x42 Eagle in excellent condition
11. Distance: less than 20 ft. at feeder; maybe 50 ft. when in tree
12. Duration: a few minutes, but for some of that time the bird was partially or largely obscured from view behind the feeder
13. Habitat: a suburban yard with mature trees
14. Behavior: first seen perched in tree; then the bird came too the feeder, fed on mixed seed, and departed
15. Description: A small, sparrow shaped bird. I first spotted it perched in a nearby tree, and immediately noted the bright cinnamon-buff breast, white belly and generally blue area around face. When the bird came in and used the feeder, I confirmed that the blue formed a sort of mask: it covered the lores, forehead, forecrown, cheeks, auriculars, chin. The shade of blue was more like that of Eastern Bluebird or perhaps Cerulean Warbler than the color of Indigo Bunting. The crown and what I could see of the back seemed to be a mixture of buffy tan and blue. There was a broad, bright cinnamon-buff band across the breast; the belly was white-whiteish. The wings were fairly dark and seemed to have a

mixture of some buffy and some blue, as well as just generally dark feathers; there were two distinct white wingbars. The bill was conical; the eye was dark.

16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species: see description. I think the combination of the shade of blue and its distribution, the bright cinnamon-buff band across the breast and the white belly, and the bright white wingbars eliminate Indigo Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, etc.

18. Photographs: I have enclosed two rather poor photos of mine; Glenn Ousset got good video which I encouraged him to send in; Touchard also had fine digital photos taken on an earlier date.

19. Experience: I have seen modest numbers of Lazulis in the West; extensive experience with all manner of Indigos.

20. Aids: I don't recall any at the time.

21. Description made from notes taken at the time (included), memory and looking at photos

22. Yes, I am positive of the identification

23. Signature: *B. Mac. Myers III*

24. Date: 18 August 2004, 14:44 cdt







7 Feb. 04  
Luzuli Bunting ♂  
Home of Matt Touchard  
Mimosa Park - Lubbock  
~ 8:35 a.m. - video by  
Glenn Ousset  
w/ Glenn Ousset, Dan  
Carroll, Blue mask-like  
area of face, cinnamon-  
buffy breast, white  
belly. Some bluish/mixed  
w/ buffy tan of back;  
white wing bars w/ some  
bluish + tan

