

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: **Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One, presumed hatch-year (HY) male – but perhaps nearing adult plumage
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **Calcasieu Parish**

Specific Locality: **Old Camp Rd. (nr. concrete bridge crossing), ca. 2.0 mi. W of Holmwood**
4. Date(s) when observed: **Saturday, 26 December 2020**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~2:50 PM CST**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Devin Bosler
13803 Crossing Way West
Edmond, OK 73013**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **None.**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **Originally discovered by Irvin Louque on 20 Dec. 2020 during the Sweet-Cam CBC. M. ob. following his initial report.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Mostly clear sky with optimal mid-afternoon sunlight. Sun angle fairly high. Backlighting or glare not problematic.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss Victory FL 8x42 (optics in good condition).**

11. Distance to bird(s): **within 20-30 meters**

12. Duration of observation: **~10-15 min.**

13. Habitat: **Heavily disturbed early successional growth, unimproved cattle pasture, yaupon-elderberry-baccharis thickets, willow-hackberry-tallow scrub, brushy edges, fallow fields, cultivated ag. fields, freshwater coulee, borrow pits, dense tangles, brush, roadside scrub, rural residential, etc.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

First observed actively fly-catching/ sallying down from utility lines and lower woody perches on south side of road. Observed in flight as it made brief forays out for prey, i.e. aerial arthropods, insects, etc. Never vocalized throughout observation.

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):

A relatively long-winged bluebird with almost entirely sky-blue plumage. Slightly duller blue on underparts. Some grayish on vent. Small, thin all-black bill. Dark irides. Black tarsi and feet.

16. Voice: **Silent. Not applicable at time of observation.**

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

Fairly distinctive bluebird with all-blue upperparts and blue wash to underparts, which eliminates other N.A. bluebirds.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, digital mobile phone photos by Devin Bosler.**

19. Previous experience with this species:

Extremely familiar with this species from their normal range and distribution throughout the intermountain western U.S. and from one prior encounter in coastal southeast Louisiana.

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **none**

21. This description is written from: **Yes** notes made during the observation (____ notes attached?); **Yes** notes made after the observation (date:____); **Yes** memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: **Yes, absolutely positive.**

23. Signature of reporter: **Devin Bosler** Date: **30 April 2021** Time: **1:30 PM CDT**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? **Yes, please.**

If yes, may we include your name with the report? **Yes, please.**



