

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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1. English and scientific name: *Rock Wren* (*Salpinctes obsoletus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1
3. Locality: LA. CAMERON
state parish
New Levee along Sabine Pass - Light House Woods - west edge of Camero.
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: 10-28-01
5. Times of day when seen: 12:30 PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Melvin Weber, 171 Cedar Dr, P.O. Box 245
RESERVE LA. 70084 985-536-2517
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Ronald Stein
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: Ronald Stein.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear Day - Great Light.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8x40 BINOCULARS
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11. Distance to bird: 20 to 30 feet
12. Duration of observation: 30 seconds to 1 minute
13. Habitat: Large mud clumps making up new levee. Bird was going in and out of openings.
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):
Hopped around large mud clumps like I've seen them do on large rocks out west.

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

Large Wren (small sparrow size) light gray & rufous-buff pattern mottled with white spots. We saw bird mostly from above. Long tail darken with buffy corners. Lower belly clear with buffy shading in the clear underside. Throat seemed clear. Gray of back & head contrasted with rufous-buff of Rump & tail.

Not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

None

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

NO

19. Previous experience with this species:

Seen once in Louisiana but good studies of this bird out west - mostly Arizona.

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation: Natural Geographic

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation (date: 11-12-01); memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter:

Melvin T. Weber

24. Date and time of writing this account:

11-12-01

8 PM

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1. English and scientific name: Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 adult
3. Locality: LA state Cameron parish
Lighthouse Road, 100' from Sabine River, 1 mile from Hwy
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: October 28, 2001
5. Times of day when seen: Near noon
6. Reporting observer and address: Ronald J. Stein
211 N.W. 4th St
Reserve, LA 70084
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Melvin Weber
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent light conditions overhead and slightly behind us.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10X50 Binoculars good condition
11. Distance to bird: 35' - 40'
12. Duration of observation: 15 to 20 seconds
13. Habitat: Newly created dirt levee 100' from Sabine River.
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification): Resting on dirt lumps. Initially flushed from top of levee. Very tame. Stayed at same spot as we left to search for other birders nearby to no avail.

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

Small size, approx. size of Carolina wren. Gray brown on top of head and back, buffy on rump and tail, blackish tail band. Fine streaking on whitish breast. Short black bill, dark eyes, white stripe over eye.

16. Voice:

Not heard

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

None

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

None

19. Previous experience with this species:

Numerous observations in Texas (Angena and one in Cameron LA (Jeff's Rest.)

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation: Confirmed with Melvin Weber
b) after observation: Nat. Geog. Guide

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; _____ notes made after observation (date: _____); _____ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: Ronald G. Allen

24. Date and time of writing this account: 8:30 PM on 11-19-2001.