

REPORT FORM

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1. English and scientific name: Shiny Cowbird "Molothrus BONARIENSIS"
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 male - almost good adult.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA LAfourche
state parish
At western end of Teriot Road off Fourchon Road
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: 6-6-92
5. Times of day when seen: 9 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: MELVIN WEBER, P.O. Box 245
RESERVE LOUISIANA 70084 (504) 536-2517
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
RONALD STEIN
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): Best view - bird was on ground with sun to our back. Gloss seen well.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
10X50 BINOCULARS
11. Distance to bird: 40 feet
12. Duration of observation: 30 seconds in good view. 5 minutes total.
13. Habitat: First seen on powerline - then in grassy edge of road, (12 inch grass with open sand areas)
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification): This bird was with one male and two female Brown Headed Cowbirds. Stayed with them through-out.

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:

When first seen above us on power wires this bird was slightly (but noticeably larger) than adjacent Brown Handed Cowbirds. Also its bill was noticeably longer. On ground, this bird had a purple gloss on head and nape. Back was much duller and gloss of tail I'm not sure. This bird showed less gloss than the male I saw in 1990.

16. Voice:

Not heard.

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

The only similar specie would possibly be a Red-Eyed Cowbird, but this bird had a black eye, no fluff neck, and a single color purple gloss.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: I did get a good study of a male of this species in Reserve in 1990.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; ☒ notes made after observation (date: 6-6-92); _____ 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: 6-6-92 7 P.M.

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1. English and scientific name: Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 ♂
3. Locality: Louisiana state Jefferson parish
End of Theriot Lane, Port Fourchon, NW of Grand Isle
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: June 6, 1992
5. Times of day when seen: Approx. 8 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Ronald Stein
409 N.W. 4th St
Box 943 C, Rte 2
Reserve, LA 70084
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Melvin Weber
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: Possibly same bird reported earlier on rare bird tape.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Light excellent, to our backs, clear, sunny.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8X45 Bino & 10X50 Bino
11. Distance to bird: approx. 30'
12. Duration of observation: approx. 1 minute
13. Habitat: Fields / industrial / parking lots etc.
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification): In company with 3 Brown headed Cowbirds perched on wire and then flew to ground apparently to feed.

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:

Direct comparison with Brown-headed Cowbirds. Slightly larger size noted by both observers. All black with bluish-purple gloss noted on head and shoulder. Dark eyes. Bill conical but longer than Br-headed, dark in color. Legs dark.

16. Voice: Silent

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

Bronzed eliminated by dark eyes, shape of bill and ~~body~~ head profile (Bronzed's bill is in line with top of head) lack of ruff in neck. No other "black" birds that close to consider.

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

None

19. Previous experience with this species: Had an adult male in Reserve, summer of 1990. Good studies at that time.

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

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: Birds of Panama (Ridgely) South Am. Land Birds (Dunning)

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

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

23. Signature of reporter: Ronald Stein

24. Date and time of writing this account:

9:30 PM June 6, 1992