

## LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the LBRC Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or this format when submitting records for review (to assure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to: LBRC Secretary, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and scientific name: SPOTTED TOWHEE (*Pipilo maculatus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 ad male
3. Locality: LA. CAMERON  
state parish  
North edge of woods behind north of Rotifond Motel  
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: 10-27-01
5. Times of day when seen: About 8 AM
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:  
Robbie BACON
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: Robbie BACON
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird NW of us - great light.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8x40 BINOCULARS - MELVIN  
? BINOCULARS - Robbie.
11. Distance to bird: About 40 feet
12. Duration of observation: 5 seconds
13. Habitat:  
Old brush piles with small trees at edge of large oak woods  
and tall grass (5') fields.
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):  
Jumping around in bottom of small tree.

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:

This bird actually seen twice by reporter. First sighting was poor - being much brush - but I thought I saw spots on its Black Back. Then a female Eastern jumped up in the clear so I guessed it was just the male with it. They both disappeared. 3-4 minutes later they both came back. Male twice - black back with good white spotting on wingbar and back.

16. Voice:

Later white searching for food for others I did hear a typical Eastern (single note) call.

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

Very familiar with Eastern and its all black back with ~~some~~ a few white marks in wing. This bird had a good white spot pattern at wingbar and above into back.

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

No

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen this bird once in Louisiana but good studies of it out west especially Colorado.

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

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: National 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: Note: Observation too short for subspecies id.

23. Signature of reporter:

Melvin J. Weber

24. Date and time of writing this account:

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