

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: *Bullock's Oriole*, *Icterus bullockii*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One, adult male
3. Locality: Parish: Lafayette
Specific Locality: 105 Hal Dr. (Must yard), Lafayette
4. Date(s) when observed: *23 February 2018*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *0750 CST*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *None (but I overlapped with Van Remsen et al. who observed the bird within a couple of hours after I left)*
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): *Rose Must, Danny Dobbs, Dave Patton, Andy From, et al.*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Soft light: sky was partly cloudy when I saw the bird, which was perched somewhat in the open beneath a partially open tree canopy (not in deep shade).*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *20 m*

12. Duration of observation: 2 min

13. Habitat: Large residential backyard with much natural vegetation/habitat and many bird feeders

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): I first noticed the bird flying away from a seed feeder (it had zipped in without me noticing, and didn't linger at the feeder--as was this bird's typical MO). But then, obligingly, it perched in a sparsely-foliated shrub about 5 m from the feeder, and 2-3 m above the ground, where it remained for about 2 min before retiring to parts unknown.

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): An obvious oriole by size, bright orange underparts, tapering/pointy bill, etc. Bright orange supercilium, auriculars, neck, breast, belly, and vent; jet-black throat, eyeline, crown, and back; white upper wing coverts formed a large white patch on folded wing. Undertail (underside of outer rectrices) orange on basal 3/4, black on distal 1/4.

16. Voice: Not vocal

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): This was an adult male and, as such, is very distinctive. Combination of black eyeline and throat, orange supercilium, auriculars, and underparts, and white wing patch eliminate all other contenders. No evidence of hybridization with Baltimore Oriole.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photos by Robert C. Dobbs, attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive from much time in the western U.S.

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: X notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); memory; X images taken during the observation.

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

23. Date: 28 Feb 2018 Time: 1145 CST

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

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



