

# 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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <[zoiseaux@lusfiber.net](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: **Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **1**
3. Parish: **Lafourche**  
Specific Locality: **Fourchon Beach: 29.13235, -90.14476**
4. Date(s) when observed: **11/19/15**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~0905-0915**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Dan O'Malley, Baton Rouge**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Tori O'Malley  
Scott Walter**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Mid-morning lighting, sun behind observer.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **EO Ranger 8x42**
11. Distance to bird(s): **as close as 10 meters when flushed**
12. Duration of observation: **several observations totaling 30 seconds to one minute**
13. Habitat: **Coastal dune grassland, mangrove marsh shrubland**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Flushed from unseen roosting location near back dune salicornia flat in general vicinity of several large logs on beach. Flushed subsequently three more times, once from open sand where it perched briefly after being flushed initially, then from atop a log, where it also perched only briefly, and finally from an unseen location in a fairly densely vegetated back dune area where it was .**

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): **Small owl with proportionately very long legs. Brown with whitish buff spotting above, whitish with brownish markings below. Yellow irides.**

16. Voice: **NA**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Yellow irides not surrounded by black, size, and long legs eliminated Short-eared Owl, the only other owl likely to be encountered day roosting on the ground on a beach.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes. DAO. Attached.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Seen twice before at Hackberry Ridge, three times last winter at this same location, and numerous times in S. Florida.**

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

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

b. after observation: **Nat Geo, Sibley**

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: **11/21/15**  
Time: **1528**

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**\_\_\_\_\_







