

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: **Burrowing owl, *Athene cunicularia***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One individual, unknown sex, plumage consistent with adult western.
3. Parish: **Plaquemines**
Specific Locality: **Breton Island, N 29.4940 W -89.1746**
4. Date(s) when observed: **12.13.2020, 12.26.2020-1.5.2021**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **1130, 0630-0830**
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Candace Cox
City: St. Augustine
State: Florida
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **N/A**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Shaunna Harris**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Midday, bird in full sun. Sunrise, bird in partial sun.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Binoculars, Nikon 8x42, good condition**
11. Distance to bird(s): **3-6 feet.**
12. Duration of observation: **5-10 min.**

13. Habitat: **Remnants of wooden structure built on sand, shell and riprap, surrounded by water and mudflats on the bayside of Breton Island. Vegetation is mainly dormant sesbania, spartina and black mangroves.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Bird was first observed hunkered in hollow next to remains of wooden structure. On subsequent sightings bird has been perching on a branch next to hollow.**

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*): **See attached photos. Approximately 8-9 inches tall.**

16. Voice: **None heard**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Elf owl, screech owl. Eliminated by comparing photos.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Photos by Candace Cox attached.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **None**

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

a. at time of observation: **Sibley Birds East, Audubon field guide app.**

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: **1.5.2021**

Time: **1400**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____ **Yes** _____

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