

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 adult bird.
3. Parish: Calcasieu Parish.
Specific Locality: Corbina Road
4. Date(s) when observed: 4 Feb, 2023
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:45pm
6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Paul
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Found by James Smithers 4 Jan, 2023 (assuming it's the same bird but in a very nearby location). Seen/photographed by several others since then.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): full sun overhead.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Could see plainly with naked eye; 12X50 Swarovskis (brand new); Nikon P900.

11. Distance to bird(s): 30 feet

12. Duration of observation: 20 minutes

13. Habitat: dry, short-grass pasture.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Found awake and roosting in tire.

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*): Only top half of head was seen (see photo), but features are diagnostic. Bright yellow, large eyes, narrow white "eyebrows." Top of head and facial disc areas brown with white mottling. Bill

16. Voice: Silent; no playback used or necessary.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Only other small owl in the state would be EASO; easily eliminated by habitat, plumage, and lack of ear tufts.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Several times in western states.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: photo.

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?

notes made after the observation. At what date?

memory

study of images

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

23. Date: 15 February, 2023

Time: 1:50pm.

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_____