

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: **Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularius*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One apparent adult.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) _____ **Calcaicieu** _____
Specific Locality: _____ **Lionel Deruin** _____
4. Date(s) when observed: **16 January 2025**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **about 10:45am**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science, Baton Rouge**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Van Remsen, Marybeth Lima, Ashish Jha, Claire and Tom Hanson.**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **many**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **backlit and well-lit (seen from several angles)**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10x40 bincular**
11. Distance to bird(s): **about 10 feet at closest.**
12. Duration of observation: **10 min**
13. Habitat: **roadside and cattle pasture with corral and large tractor tire the bird was using for cover.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **First noticed by Ashish as it crouched on lip of road, then flew back to fence post and finally to the tire, where it hid inside with only the crown showing.**

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): **Fairly small owl (about screech-owl sized) with long legs. Yellow eyes, mostly brownish above with white spots, below mostly white with brown spots.**

16. Voice: **Not heard.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **really nothing like this in the western hemisphere.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **photos below (mine).**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Extensive in western US, Florida, three times before in Louisiana, also in South America on many occasions.**

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): **None**

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (____notes attached?); _____notes made after the observation (date: _____); X memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: _____Daniel Lane____Date:____29 January 2025____Time:____3:50pm____

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_____





