

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: Lazuli Bunting, *Passerina amoena*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

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3. Parish: St. Tammany

Specific Locality: Ruby's Natural Foods, 1260-1336 US-190, Slidell, LA 70460

4. Date(s) when observed: May 18, 2003

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:00 pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Claire Thomas

City: Mandeville State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): NA

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): bright sun at lunch time

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Binoculars that were provided by the restaurant. I don't remember what type or power.

11. Distance to bird(s): 20 ft

12. Duration of observation: 30 to 35 minutes

13. Habitat: Backyard type feeder and area. The restaurant had feeders out and you could sit and observe while eating through the large windows.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was coming to the feeder and then hanging out in the shrubs and on the lawn.

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*): My first thought was an Eastern Bluebird but this bird had prominent wing bars. It's chest was rufous like an EABL. It has a white belly and was all blue above except for the wing bars and darker wings.

16. Voice: did not vocalize

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): EABL was eliminated due to white wing bars

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): no

19. Previous experience with this species: At that time I had no previous experience. But the restaurant had field guides available to patrons and I used one to ID the bird.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
Field guide used to determine the species. EABL was eliminated due to prominent white wing bars.

a. at time of observation: field guide

b. after observation: Sibley's field guide

21. This description is written from: Memory
notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?
notes made after the observation. At what date?
memory x
study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes, I used binoculars and the available field guides at the restaurant. It was unmistakable in my opinion.

23. Date: 2/2/2019
Time: 1:12pm

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

