

# 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: Sialia currucoides, Mountain Bluebird
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one, adult female
3. Locality: Parish: Washington  
Specific Locality: on CC Rd about .4 mile from Bethel Rd by asphalt/gravel Co.
4. Date(s) when observed: 12/17/2014 & 1/2/2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:50 am & 11:00 am
6. Reporting observer and address: Mary Mehaffey, 84305 Cobblestone Ct., Folsom, LA 70437
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): on 12/17/2015 Tom Trenchard; on 1/2/2015 Janine Robin
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Rosemary Seidler
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): bird was out in open—no shade

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Alpen 8 x 40 binoculars, excellent condition

11. Distance to bird(s): 15 - 20 ft

12. Duration of observation: 3 minutes & 5 minutes

13. Habitat: open fields surrounded by woods

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): flying down to ground to find food, perching on fence posts, fence wire and utility wire

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): about the size of an Eastern Bluebird, all grey breast with sky blue tail, dark grey wings, small dark bill, dark eye

16. Voice: did not call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): female Eastern Bluebird has rusty breast this bird had all grey breast

18. Photographs: Mary Mehaffey

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in Utah 6/2006 & 5/2008; RMNP 8/2009 & 5/2008; Grand Isle, LA 1/2011

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley's Guide to Birds, and iBird Plus Ap

a. at time of observation: iBird Plus Ap, Sibley's Eastern Guide to Birds

b. after observation: Sibley's Guide To Birds

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

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

23. Date:   6/25/2015   Time:   9:45am  

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  

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