

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Mountain Bluebird, *Sialia currucoides*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1  
Immature female, hatch year
3. Parish: Washington  
Specific Locality: CC Rd./Dummyline Rd, Franklinton, LA .
4. Date(s) when observed: 12/18/2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:30am-10:00am
6. Reporting observer and address: Claire Thomas, 19170 Antenor St., Mandeville, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Janine Robin
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny. Bird out in the open on power lines and fences. Flying across the road between the two.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Opticron 10 x 50, good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s): Seen from across a street and sitting directly overhead on the power lines. Approx. 10ft.

12. Duration of observation: 45 mins.

13. Habitat: Cut field edged with trees and brush along fence line. Across the street from an asphalt plant.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was seen flying from one side of the road to the other feeding and flycatching. She was not in the least disturbed by Janine and I nor the semi trucks hauling gravel and traveling in and out of the plant. We were able to get some close photos as she was not scared of us at all.

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*): Bird could be mistaken for an Eastern Bluebird and almost was except for lack of blue. Mostly blue on rump and tail and on wing edges (flight feathers). It's beak was also very sharp and pointy. Mostly grey with a slight wash of rust under chin. White under tail.

16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Bluebird was eliminated because the bird was almost void of blue except on it's rump and flight feathers. No rose color on chest or sides. No blue on back.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. By myself and Janine Robin. I will attach them to this email.

19. Previous experience with this species: Park City, Utah 2010

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley field guide, Janine had seen the bird a few days previous, taken photos and had the ID confirmed by Van Remsen.

a. at time of observation: Sibley's and Janine Robin

b. after observation: Sibley's

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?

notes made after the observation. At what date?

memory x

study of images x

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

23. Date: 12/18/2014

Time: 10:17pm

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 \_\_\_\_\_