

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: Mountain Bluebird <i>Sialia currucoides</i>
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 immature female
3. Locality: LOUISIANA Parish: Washington Specific locality: Barriere Construction Company, 407 CC Rd, Franklinton.
4. Date(s) when observed: 12/17/14 and 1/17/15
5. Time(s) of day when observed: On 12/17/14 – 11:50AM to 12:15PM; on 1/17/15 – 12:40-12:46PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): On 12/17/14, accompanied by Mary Mehaffey. On 1/17/15 accompanied by Janine Robin.
8. Other observers who <i>independently identified</i> the bird(s): On numerous other dates: Janine Robin (1 st one to report bird), Mary Mehaffey, Claire Thomas, Glenn Ousset, Dan O'Malley, and many other observers.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good to very good lighting both days reported here (partly cloudy & cool).
10. Optics: Tom-10x42 Bushnell; Swift 15x-60x Telescope; Sony DSC-H50 Digital Camera
11. Distance to bird(s): Variable, as close as about 20 feet away at eye level.
12. Duration of observation: 12/17/14 seen for about 25 minutes; 1/17/15 seen for about 6 minutes (although the bird remained present as we left on both days).
13. Habitat: Roadside, adjacent to gravel company, brushy on opposite side of road, grassy on gravel company side of road, both sides with wire fence and metal fencepoles. Power lines above.
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying back & forth foraging with frequent perching on fence/fence posts, power lines and ground; associating with Palm Warblers on 1 st day & alone on 2 nd day of this report.
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, <i>not what "should" have been seen</i> ; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg & plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): Eastern Bluebird sized thrush, mostly all-gray with <u>very</u> slight brownish <u>wash</u> on throat & upper breast barely visible in some photos on 1 st day; wash not visible 2 nd day. Noticeable sky-blue rump, with a bit of sky-blue also in the wings and tail; a bit more sky blue visible on back on 2 nd day.
16. Voice: None heard on either day.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Bluebird would be about the same size, but would be a lot more colorful. Very easily separable in the field. Several seen in the general area on both days.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos included.
19. Previous experience with this species: Previously seen well-reported female at Grand Isle on 1/5/11.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: Sibley field guides, National Geographic field guide, iBird and other iPod/iPad bird apps.
b. after observation: same.
21. This description is written from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during the observation (<input type="checkbox"/> notes attached?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after the observation (date: <u>var</u>); <input type="checkbox"/> memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Absolutely 100% certain.
23. Signature of reporter: <i>Tom Trenchard</i> Tom Trenchard Date/Time: 2/4/15 8:30PM
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, may we include your name with the report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No