

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: Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 female
3. Parish: Washington
Specific Locality: CC Road at Barriere Construction
4. Date(s) when observed: 1.16.15
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~1200
6. Reporting observer and address: Dan O'Malley Baton Rouge
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): NA
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Originally discovered by Janine Robin on 12.14.14 and subsequently seen by many observers.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overhead lighting. Seen from various angles, initially in side view mirror!
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): EO Ranger 8x42, good
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 15 meters
12. Duration of observation: ~25 minutes
13. Habitat: Pasture, pipeline ROW, gravel piles, early/mid rotation pine

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Sallying from fences, utility wires for prey, primarily on the ground

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*): Bluebird with gray breast and flanks. Thin, sharply pointed bill.

16. Voice: NA

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Bluebird or Western Bluebird should have some rufous coloration and a thicker bill.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by DAO, attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in 2014 in Yellowstone NP

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: Sibley, Nat Geo

b. after observation: Sibley, Nat Geo

21. This description is written from:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | notes made during the observation. | Are notes attached? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | notes made after the observation. | At what date? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | memory | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | study of images | | |

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

23. Date: 6/17/15

Time: 2034

