

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):
One, male type in non-breeding plumage

3. Parish: Calcasieu

Specific Locality: At the bridge on Old Camp Road in the Holmwood area, SE of Lake Charles.

4. Date(s) when observed: 12/21/2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:00 am to about 8:40

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: David Booth
City: Lake Charles
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Dale Hamilton at the first sighting of the day. Shortly there after several others: John Garrett, James Smithers, Deana and Gordon Griggs.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Irvin Louque on the previous day.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good light, except at first light of day the color of the back and head could not be seen well. When the sun rose more and the bird came down off of the wire to work the brush and small trees, its color was more obvious. See photos.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x40 Zeiss Binocs and Nikon P-900

camera.

11. Distance to bird(s): Varied from 30 yards to 100 yards.

12. Duration of observation: 12/21/2020

13. Habitat: Fallow fields near small gully.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was resting on wires and then feeding around lower trees and brush.

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 sized bird, with lighter undersides and blue back and wings. The head and upper breast was a light sky blue in color lighter than the back. It had a slight narrow, white eye ring. No reddish on the breast or back could be seen. See photos.

16. Voice: No vocalization.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): EABL or WEBL. No reddish was seen in breast or back. The color of blue was a lighter sky blue color as opposed to the heavy blue of the above two birds.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by observer are at the ebird report:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S77783188>

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen on seven occasions, all in the West. First time in Louisiana.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: None

21. This description is written from:

<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: 12/21/2020

Time: 11:53 am

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 _____