

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](#), *Sialia currucoides*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): [One, female](#)
3. Locality: Parish: [St Mary](#) _____
Specific Locality: [Cypremort Point SP](#) _____
4. Date(s) when observed: [8 January 2021](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [ca. 1505-1515 CST](#)
6. Reporting observer and address: [Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA](#)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [none](#)
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [many observers; discovered by LeeAnn Helper \(I think\)](#)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Good light: afternoon sunshine under clear sky; bird rarely backlit](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [Swarovski 8x30 binos \(good condition\), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens \(good condition\)](#)
11. Distance to bird(s): [10-30 m](#)
12. Duration of observation: [10 min](#)
13. Habitat: [Mowed lawn with scattered small trees, adjacent to Vermilion Bay](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Perching 1-7 m above the ground on powerline, fence, and pavilion, making regular sally-pounce foraging maneuvers to the ground \(mowed lawn\)](#)

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): [Bluebird \(e.g., EABL\) shaped/size, including bill, whitish eyering bigger on posterior edge of eye. Plumage very dull gray overall, but with dull buff cast to breast and sides, whitish on belly/vent; bright royal-blue flight feathers.](#)

16. Voice: [Not vocal](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [A very dull female Eastern Bluebird probably the only candidate for confusion, but would have some buff/orange color wrapping up below/behind the auriculars, more orange breast/sides, and shorter wings than Mountain.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Photos by Robert C. Dobbs, attached](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [extensive; western U.S.](#)

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

a. at time of observation: [none](#)

b. after observation: [Nat Geo Complete Guide](#)

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

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: [Yes](#)

23. Date: [26 Feb 2021](#) Time: [1355 CST](#)

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](#)



