

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 bird, most likely female

3. Parish: St. Mary

Specific Locality: Cypremort Port State Park near maintenance shed/area

4. Date(s) when observed: 12/26/2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:57 pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew From
City: Lafayette
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Philip Wallace, who had stopped and asked if I had seen the MOBL

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full midday sun

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 8x42 binoculars, fair condition, Nikon D7200 w/ 80-400 mm lens fair

11. Distance to bird(s): FO, maybe 20 feet

12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes

13. Habitat: mowed grass with multiple perching opportunities (fences, fence posts, weather station)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): the bird was observed perched on chainlink fence, started to forage in the mowed grass, observed hovering over area of interest and then pouncing on prey.

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*): EABL sized thrush with a solid black bill, distinct eye-ring, grey head with buffy chest to white lower portion of front, including legs and near undertail coverts. The wings have a baby-blue to royal blue outer flight feathers with a white leading edge. The tail has a powder blue base. The bird has black legs and feet.

16. Voice: not observed

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Bluebird which would have a more robust rust-brown throat and breast.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, Andrew From, Yes

19. Previous experience with this species: No

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

a. at time of observation: iBird Pro

b. after observation: *NatGeo Field guide to North American Birds 7th ed.*

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	Ebird checklist S78019382
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes. The bird was first

observed by Michael Musumeche.

23. Date: 12/26/2020

Time: 10:04 pm

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





