

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 adult female
3. Parish: St. Mary Parish
Specific Locality: Cypremore Point State Park, just after entry area
4. Date(s) when observed: 12.26.2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:30 am. Stayed for about 1 ½ hours
6. Reporting observer and address: Kathy Rhodes, 5051 Bridgeport Way, Houma, LA 70360 (Reporting for all 4 of us as listed below)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Paul Schaub, Carol Schaub, Samantha Nguyen
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Mike Musemeche and Leeann Hepler who originally found this bird at this location earlier in December
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Lighting was good, sun was to our back
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 and Nikon Prostaff 3S 10 x 42 binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): From 10 feet to 100 feet, bird was not very skiddish
We observed from inside the car driving slowly on the road while bird was on fence posts

or fence wire. We also observed from outside of the car walking slowly around as the bird moved around.

12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes first time, then a couple other times over 1 ½ hour period of just a few minutes each

13. Habitat: Adjacent to park road, open grassy area, grass was cut, and a few spotted trees. Fence posts with thick wire between posts. Lawn was damp with small spotty water puddles.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Bird was sitting, flying, feeding, hovering. Flit from one spot to another, mostly within a short distance from where we were.

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*):
It was the size of an Eastern Bluebird but the blue was more vibrant to me.

16. Voice: None that I heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Familiar with Eastern Bluebirds but this bird looked different. The blue was brighter on the wings when open and the lower back above the tail. Pale blue tail, white edges, light brown with tannish/orange chest

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Photos by Kathy Rhodes

19. Previous experience with this species: None

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

a. at time of observation: None, we knew this was the bird we came to find

b. after observation: None, Facebook had posts of the birds from Leeann Hepler and Mike Musemeche where the birds was already identified.

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 12.28.2020

Time: 2:45 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









