

# 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](mailto: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 adult (?) female
3. Parish: Orleans  
Specific Locality: Bayou Sauvage – Recovery Rd.
4. Date(s) when observed: 31 December 2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: ca. 1030

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Linda Kingsland, Rrik Beck, and Jon Wise

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): many; originally found by David Muth and Peter Yaukey

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast throughout; bird was nearly always perched in the open

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42 & Vortex Crossfires 12x50

11. Distance to bird(s): varying; ca. 15-50 yards

12. Duration of observation: ca. 15 minutes

13. Habitat: man-made levee surrounding old landfill, treeline bordering marsh, ponds, and canals

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): bird was actively flycatching from open snags; would sally down to ground and catch predominately large crane flies (*Tipula* sp.).

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*): washed-out female bluebird with thin, black bill, conspicuous white eyering, coming to a point behind the eye. Largely grayish upperparts with buffy throat and tones on breast, grayish belly, sky blue flight feathers and tail, gray back.

16. Voice: n/a

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Bluebird by lack of white belly, lack of orange chest/sides, no stripe on throat, thinner bill. Western Bluebird is more similar to EABL, but with bluish throat, gray flanks.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): yes, by myself, Linda Kingsland, and Rrik Beck.

19. Previous experience with this species: Previous Louisiana records (1993 & 1995)

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Sibley

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: 22 February 2023

Time: 1108

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\_\_\_\_\_



