

1. English and Scientific names: Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
one individual, adult male,
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Grand Isle, La, in vicinity of Orleans Ave. and Birch Lane.
4. Date(s) when observed: Wednesday December 20 Grand Isle CBC
5. Time(s) of day when observed: observed once around 3:45 PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Cathy DiSalvo
7304 Stoneleigh Drive
Harahan LA 70123
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Joan Garvey (photos)
Rosemary Seidler
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): the bird was perched in small bare tree, in open light , no obstruction
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): zeiss 10x 40 binoculars , camera with telephoto lens
11. Distance to bird(s): about 20 feet, observed from car.
12. Duration of observation: about 10 minutes
13. Habitat: tree in empty lot next to a residence. Large brushy field across the street. But basically residential area adjacent to exon property.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): bird was perched in bare tree with cowbirds, starling
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*): All black bird same size as the brown-headed cowbird with it, about 7in., dark eye and legs. Pointy, thin cone shaped bill.

16. Voice: no vocalizations

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Smaller than Brewer's black bird (no red eye), red-winged blackbird, bronzed cowbird, with no evidence of wing bars, eye dark. Uniformly dark body indicative of an adult. Dark body without brown head eliminates brown-headed cowbird.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photograph by Joan Garvey

19. Previous experience with this species: little

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

a. at time of observation: Referenced National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America

b. after observation: Field guide, compared to other possible similar species, study of photos compared to field guide, photos to D Muth for opinion.

21. This description is written from:

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: After sending photos to David Muth, a much more experienced and proficient birder, the Id was confirmed

23. Date: 1/13/18

Time: 12:30 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_____

