

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: **Shiny Cowbird** (*Molothrus bonariensis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
male
3. Parish: **Plaquemines**
Specific Locality: **"The Jump" (Venice-Buras area)**
4. Date(s) when observed: **18 Feb. 2017**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **ca. 15:00**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Van Remsen, LSUMNS**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **David Muth (spotted and identified the bird first), Mark Meunier**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **good**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **10x50 binos**
11. Distance to bird(s): **as close as 20 feet**
12. Duration of observation: **ca. 15 minutes**
13. Habitat: **residence with chicken coops and pigeon aviary; photo included here:**
<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S34491405>
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **feeding off and on on lawn with other cowbirds**
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*): **Photos and video minimize need for written description. The shiny blueish plumage and pointed bill can be seen clearly in the material provided.**

16. Voice: **quiet**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Bill shape and plumage color eliminates Bronzed and Brown-headed.,**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **photos and videos**

19. Previous experience with this species: **three times previously in LA; many times in South America**

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **none**

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 type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: **July 23, 2018**

Time:

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_____**







