

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: SHINY COWBIRD MOLOTHRUS
BONARIENSIS
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
2 MALES
3. Locality: (parish) JEFFERSON PARISH
Specific Locality: GRAND ISLE STATE PARK, GRAND ISLE, LA
4. Date(s) when observed:
5/23/2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
7:43 AM - 7:49 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: MITCHELL FORET
673 BAYOU BLUE RD
HOUMA, LA 70364
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
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8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
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9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
SUNNY SKIES @ RIGHT ANGLE WHILE TAKING PHOTOS
AND OBSERVATION
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
10 X 42 LEUPOLD BINOCULARS
11. Distance to bird(s):
10 YARDS
12. Duration of observation:
3 MINUTES
13. Habitat: OBSERVATION TOWER PARKING LOT @ STATE PARK
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in

identification; relate events surrounding observation): REPORTED BY 2 OTHER BIRDER ON PREVIOUS DAY. 2 BIRDS SEEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED. THEY WERE POSTURING WHILE FEEDING.. THEY FLEW AWAY WHEN ANOTHER CAR ENTERED PARKING LOT

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):

ALL BLACK BODY WITH BLACK BEAK (POINTED). LOOKED FOR RED EYE TO ELIMINATE BRONZED COWBIRD BUT BOTH BIRDS HAD BLACK EYES.

16. Voice:

NO CALL OR SONG

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

LACKED RED EYE OF BRONZED SOWBIRD

LACKED RED WING BLACKBIRD MARKINGS

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

4 PHOTOS TAKEN BY MYSELF

19. Previous experience with this species:

LIFE BIRD - 1ST SIGHTING

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

a. at time of observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE
SIBLEY FIELD GUIDE

b. after observation:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC COMPLETE BIRDS OF AMERICAN (2ND EDITION)

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); 1 notes made after the observation (date: 5/23); YES memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: Mitch Fount Date: 5/24 Time: 6:30 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

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