

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):
  - 1 general plumage
3. Parish: Jefferson  
Specific Locality: Grand Isle on Orleans St.
4. Date(s) when observed: 9/1/2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:53 a.m.

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Joan Garvey
City: New Orleans
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):  
David Muth 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):  
Bird perched in a leafless tree in a light rain.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
Canon 7D 400mm f/4 DO IS II USM in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s):  
15 feet
12. Duration of observation:  
3 minutes
13. Habitat: The bird was perched in a small tree on the edge of an overgrown lot in a residential neighborhood.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

The bird was resting perched with several BHCO

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*):

The bird was perched next to several BHCO which had a long heavy bill and red iris. The Shiny Cowbird had a slender, straight conical bill clearly different than that of the adjacent BHCO.

16. Voice: n/a

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

See above.

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

Yes, Joan Garvey

19. Previous experience with this species: We observed this species earlier in the year.

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

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a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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? If not, explain:

Yes

23. Date: 9/1/2019

Time: 11:53 a.m.

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 \_\_\_\_\_







