

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one

3. Parish: Jefferson

Specific Locality: Home feeder at 231 Medical Ave. Grand Ilse.

4. Date(s) when observed: June 1, 2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:00 am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: David Booth
City: Lake Charles
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Charlotte Chehotsky, Randy Frederick.

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): unknown

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good light. Bird was on the ground with some shade present.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40

11. Distance to bird(s): 20 yards

12. Duration of observation: 7-8 minutes in duration during which the bird would leave and return to the feeder area.

13. Habitat: costal suburban area.

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

Bird would spend time below feeder with other cowbirds and blackbirds. Nothing special or unusual in its behavior noted.

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 dark bird, similar in size to BHCO, but with all dark head, longer more pointed bill. Dark eye and longer tail. It had an overall bluish cast to its head and back. Maybe a bit purple.

16. Voice: No vocalization noted.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): The photos were used for my review.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): By Charlotte Chehotsky and Randy Frederick as well as David Booth.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S89436485>

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in South Florida, previously on ABA field trip.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Basic field guides used later with photos to confirm: Kaufman and National Geographic.

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: June 19, 2021

Time: 11:57 am

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 _____