

# 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 individual, rest unknown
3. Parish: Jefferson  
Specific Locality: NE corner of Medical Lane and Ludwig
4. Date(s) when observed:  
5/29/2021
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:30pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Kathy Rhodes, 5051 Bridgeport Way, Houma, LA 70360
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):  
Darlene Eschete
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): Clear Day
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): ): Nikon Coolpix B600 Camera, 60X Zoom ), Nikon Prostaff 3S Binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): 50-75 feet

12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Residential yard with feeders under a tree

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

Bird was skiddish as it flew from the tree to eat seed from the ground.

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*):

Dark bird with bluish tint, dark eye

16. Voice: Not heard

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

Red Winged Blackbirds were there but definitely not it

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

Yes, will attach.

19. Previous experience with this species: None, this is a lifer.

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

a. at time of observation: Merlin, Keith Brink

b. after observation: Merlin

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes

23. Date: 8.9.2021

Time: 5:29PM Sorry report is late, just catching up.

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\_\_\_\_\_









