

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: Spotted x Eastern Towhee *Pipilo maculatus x erythrophthalmus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 male.
3. Parish: Claiborne
Specific Locality: Athens, 183 Dance Road yard
4. Date(s) when observed: December 19 and 31, 2020.
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 9:30am
6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): N/A
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): N/A
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Feeder watching through my home office window.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon P900 camera.
11. Distance to bird(s): 15 feet.
12. Duration of observation: 20 minutes
13. Habitat: Rural yard made for birding; brushpiles, feeders, borders edge of woods.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): foraging on 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*): Photos should be closely studied by LBRC. Strong white edging of black primaries along a decreasing gradient from outer to inner primaries. But scapular feathers that are otherwise all black in EATO have about 8-10 white-spots on left and right sides.
16. Voice: Not heard.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Not relevant.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Several. Photos from the Dec 31 show small rain droplets on the bird; may be confusing at first.
19. Previous experience with this species: Experience with both species but not with hybrids.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: photos of both species and of hybrids on eBird.com

21. This description is written from:

study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I can't imagine what else it could be.

23. Date: Feb 18, 2022

Time: 10:26am

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_____





