

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
AHY, unknown sex
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Willow Island
4. Date(s) when observed: 5/6/2021
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 18:45pm
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Katie B. Barnes
City: Lafayette
State: Louisiana
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): n/a
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Charlotte Chehotsky, Derek Sallman
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sunset with optimal lighting conditions as the bird moved around open feeding station area in low light and direct sunlight
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8x42 Leica Trinovid binoculars, Canon 60D SLR Camera with Canon fixed 400mm telephoto lens
11. Distance to bird(s): 8-10 feet
12. Duration of observation: 25 minutes
13. Habitat: live oak chenier plain, coastal forest
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird first detected in flight as it passed by me, noticing the low flight, gray body, long tail. Perched within a few feet from me in a low hanging branch of a live oak tree. Feeding often,

sallying insects and often landing on the ground or on exposed ground stakes with flagging or other low branches. Observed an interaction with a Northern Mockingbird that displaced the Townsend's Solitaire from an open branch.

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*): Mockingbird-sized, thrush-like songbird with gray body, long tail with outer white rectrices obvious in flight and while perched. White eye-ring, and buffy/beige color along the outer edge of the flight feathers below the primary coverts forming a small block/patch (similar to the white wing patch of a Black-throated Blue Warbler, only beige).

16. Voice: silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Separated from mockingbird by bold white-eyering, thrush-like body shape, plain gray body

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): yes, photos by Katie B. Barnes attached to this report.

19. Previous experience with this species: yes, in Vail, Colorado

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
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 checked="" 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: 5/21/2021
Time: 12:50pm

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_____

