

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: *Bullock's Oriole*, *Icterus bullockii*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *One adult male*
3. Locality: Parish: Vermilion
Specific Locality: 0.6 mi N Florence Landing
4. Date(s) when observed: *15 December 2020*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *1100-1125 CST (timestamps on photos off one hour b/c time on camera not updated to DST)*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs/LDWF, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *none*
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): *overcast sky, and typically within/beneath live oak canopy cover*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 10x42 binos (good condition), Canon EF 100-400 mm f/1.4-5.6L IS camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *10-30 m*
12. Duration of observation: *25-30 min, off-and-on*
13. Habitat: *Live oak-dominated hummock surrounded by marsh.*

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): In canopy of live oaks, as well as down in tallow and more scrubby trees at edge of woodlot, first detected by chatter calls (recording). Lost from view and refound (without playback) several times over a half-hour or so, presumably foraging, but not observed doing so.

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): Typical oriole-size/shape--large-ish passerine with somewhat attenuated body structure, and slender, fine/pointy bill--and bright orange and unmarked sides, breast, belly and vent. Orange malar/auriculars and supercilium contrasting with jet black throat, eyeline, and crown. Black back contrasting with bright white patch on upperwing coverts: lesser/median coverts solid white (or nearly so), greater secondary coverts heavily edged white, resulting in nearly complete large white patch; primaries also edge white. Orange rump and outer rectes.

16. Voice: Bird gave 4-5 chatter calls, which were short (1.5ish sec) series rapidly-repeated, low-pitched notes (typical of Baltimore/Bullock's orioles)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Black crown, eyeline, and throat unique among orioles. No evidence (that I can see) of hybridization with Baltimore Oriole.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Yes, photos and audio recording by Robert C. Dobbs (please acknowledge Robert C. Dobbs/LDWF if published or posted online)

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive experience with this species in the western U.S., and in differentiating it from

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Nat Geo Complete Guide to Birds of North America

21. This description is written from: notes made during the observation (____ notes attached?); ____ notes made after the observation (date: ____); ____ memory; images taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes, positive.

23. Date: 4 January 2021 Time: 1145 CST

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



