

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Burrowing owl, *Athene cunicularia*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One, unknown sex, unknown age, brown to light brown with mottled sandy spots
3. Parish:
Terrebonne
4. Specific Locality:
Montegut, La
5. Date(s) when observed: 1/31/2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:37 PM
7. Reporting observer: Bradford Chauvin
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full mid-day sunlight, coming from top right looking at picture
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): iPhone
12. Distance to bird(s): 60 ft or slightly more
13. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
14. Habitat: Marsh, living under bridge structure on a levee
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Short flying bursts to keep distance away from me but stay near nesting area

16. 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):

Looked small for an owl and stayed on the boulders on the ground. Didn't seem interested in flying away or to higher perch. Bowed a few times.

17. Voice:

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

Didn't act at all like other owls in the area

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

Photos by me, attached

20. Previous experience with this species: None

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

Sent picture to other birder Nick Ramsey and he suggested committee report

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

The picture lacks fine detail

24. Date report completed:

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25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes



