

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 male, breeding plumage
3. Parish:
Cameron Parish
4. Specific Locality:
Entrance to Rutherford Beach
5. Date(s) when observed: 08/31/2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:41 AM
7. Reporting observer: Andrew From
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Kathy Rhodes, Jed Pitre were original finders
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full sun
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 10 x 42, fair condition, Canon EOS Rebel T7 w/ 100-400mm lens, good condition
12. Distance to bird(s): Initially 10' when it flew into puddle near shower
13. Duration of observation: maybe 30 minutes
14. Habitat: Beach
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was initially seen near shower, possibly drinking water, flew off and returned several minutes later when Gordon and Deanna Griggs arrived. It was seen foraging near the herbaceous vegetation and walking underneath an enclosed trailer.
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):

Medium to large sized song bird that black with white wing bars, large gray bill

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S148656871>

17. Voice: not observed

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

Bobolink, there was no white on the back of the head

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

Yes, myself

20. Previous experience with this species: I've seen many in New Mexico and Colorado as recently as August 7, 2023.

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

No

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

10/29/2023

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

