

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Mountain Plover *Anarhynchus montanus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 either juvenile or adult in nonbreeding plumage
3. Parish:
Caddo
4. Specific Locality:
Sentell Road on property of John Sloan
5. Date(s) when observed: 3 December, 2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:35am-8:30am.
7. Reporting observer: John Dillon
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Clyde Massey, Devin Bosler, Larry Raymond
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Found first yesterday but unidentified by Shannon Jantz with other birders. Photos confirmed by Charlie Lyon but unable to located bird. Found late afternoon by Erik Johnson and then well photographed by Charlie.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Intermittent fog early. Once lifted, bird was in open, dirt ag field with sun to our back and mostly sunny skies.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 60X scope, good; Swarovski 12x50, new; Nikon P900 camera.
12. Distance to bird(s): Early, no more than 150 feet. Later, probably 200-250.
13. Duration of observation: Off and on for an hour.
14. Habitat: Plowed red-dirt ag field.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Foraging at dawn, not see by anyone else. When refound, bird was sitting and resting.
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):

From eBird report: "Found on my own at 7:35am near road. Photos. Then fog moved in. Relocated by DB sitting. Got digiscoped pics. 2nd st rec. Mid-sized plover with dark eye and small narrow dark bill. White area around eye with white throat. Mostly white breast with all white ventral side. Wings, back, nape, crown, malar all uniform gray-brown." Adding now pale gray legs.

17. Voice: N/A

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

Only other similar, regularly-recurring plover spp would be SNPL, which is half the less or less. BBPL checkered above, not uniform. Lesser Sand-Plover eliminated due to light gray legs.

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

Yes, photos.

20. Previous experience with this species: Seen once in CO over a dozen years ago.

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

None used at time.

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes.

24. Date report completed:

3 December, 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







