

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: [Mountain Plover \(*Charadrius montanus*\)](#)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
[One, unknown age/sex.](#)

3. Parish: [Caddo](#)

Specific Locality: [Sentell Rd., 10.9 mi NNW of Shreveport, LA](#)

4. Date(s) when observed: [2 December 2023](#)

5. Time(s) of day when observed: [3:00pm](#)

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Erik I. Johnson
City: Sunset
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [After I showed up, a bunch of other birders showed up, including Rosemary Seidler, Charlie Lyon, Melissa Weaver, Kathy Rhodes, Darlene Eschete, and more.](#)

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): [The bird was first spotted that morning by Becky Amedee, Caleb Hiers-Persia, Shannon Jantz, and Michele Giroir.](#)

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Partly sunny, late afternoon light. The bird was due west, and the sun was south of that, so I wasn't looking directly into the sun.](#)

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [Swarovski 25-50x 65mm scope with Samsung A52 smartphone to digiscope.](#)

11. Distance to bird(s): [Initially about ½ mile away at the other side of the dirt field. After a harrier swooped by, the bird flew toward Sentell Rd. and landed about 200 ft out, offering much better views.](#)

12. Duration of observation: [I spent just over 2 hours at the site. It took about 10 minutes](#)

to locate the bird, providing about 30 minutes of viewing, and after the bird disappeared for about 45 minutes, it was resighted flying toward Sentell Rd., offering continuous views until I left.

13. Habitat: [Plowed field.](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [It was walking "plover style" loosely mixed with about 6 Killdeer, appearing to be foraging. After about 30 minutes it had settled and essentially disappeared into the dirt/grass. After a while, a harrier flushed the Killdeer, and the Mountain Plover was resighted flying toward Sentell Rd., where it landed much closer to us. From there it continued to move around some, not eagerly foraging, and then started to preen and eventually settle.](#)

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*): [A drab plover-shaped bird, slightly smaller than the nearby Killdeer. It mostly offered profile views as it slowly foraged in the back of the field. I could see a medium-brown back with whitish underparts and a brownish smudgy "crescent" on the upper flanks near the wrist. Upon closer views, the big eye, round head, and short bill were apparent, as was slight cinnamon tones in the face especially below the eye.](#)

16. Voice: [Gave a somewhat generic peep as it landed closer to Sentell Rd.](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Clearly a plover. Didn't have any of the ringed markings of other plovers, and was too small \(in direct comparison to Killdeer\) and too unmarked for a *Pluvialis*.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): [Photos.](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [None. Life bird!](#)

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

a. at time of observation: [None.](#)

b. after observation: [None.](#)

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	https://ebird.org/checklist/S155625272
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: [Yes](#).

23. Date: [1 January 2024](#)

Time: [8:25pm](#)

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](#)





