

## 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):  
One individual, undetermined sex, adult, winter plumage
3. Parish:  
Caddo
4. Specific Locality:  
Sentell Rd , Shreveport Louisiana
5. Date(s) when observed: 12/2/2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:20 AM
7. Reporting observer: Caleb Persia
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Shannon Jantz, Michele Giroir, and Becky (I did not catch her last name)
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Erik Johnson, Charles Lyon
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Shannon and I had Scopes and Binoculars, accompanying birders had a Nikon DSLR style camera and binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): It moved throughout our 10-15 minute observation but we stayed 40-50 ft away
13. Duration of observation: 10-15 minutes
14. Habitat: Flat, bare dirt field adjacent to agricultural fields. No vegetation.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Feeding/foraging for duration of observation. Killdeer, American Pipits, and several Lark Sparrows also were foraging nearby

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):

Smaller in comparison to the nearby Killdeer, moving/feeding like a plover, dark bill, pale legs, scaly looking wing pattern, long wings, "faded" winter plumage, upright stance.

17. Voice: Remained silent while surrounding Killdeer were vocal

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

We did not expect any plovers as we were far from a water source, (And did not consider Mountain Plover as the exception to that at all) and I had reviewed the ~150 species listed as probable in the area before leaving that morning. At the time we were travelling south looking for Lark Sparrows and Sprague's Pipits. In the moment we thought it was a Sprague's as we saw a solitary pale belly moving around the stark brown field, but as the group moved further down the road we noted the peculiarity of the species and speculated, but agreed that it was the wrong time of year for shorebirds in the area. We pulled over to take photos for a later ID. It was not until reviewing photos that another birder (Charlie Lyon) expressed his surprise and gave us his ID.

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

Two attached photos are from digi-scoping with my phone and scope. We kept a safe distance as the land is private property and as not to disturb the foraging birds.

20. Previous experience with this species: None for any of the observers present

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

Sent pictures to several other birders for ID (Charlie Lyon and others) in the moment used Merlin and iNaturalist that both returned Plover IDs but not the specific species. I made note to check later as ID apps are not always accurate in the field. Checked Peterson/Audubon/Sibley and made the iNaturalist posting after leaving the field, as the rest of the group was meeting up with other birders and needed to pack up.

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

12/2/2023

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





