

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):
1 winter plumage adult

Specific Locality: **South end Sentell Road near sod farm**

4. Date(s) when observed: **December 3, 2023**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **0815 hrs to 0930 hrs and from 1430 hrs to 1530 hrs**
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Larry R. Raymond
City: Shreveport
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Anne Raymond**

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **John Dillon & Devin Bosler**

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Light conditions were good and bird was clearly visible through spotting scope. Wind W at 5 mph; fair and clear; temp. 48 F to 52 F in morning to S at 9 mph; fair and clear; temp. 69 F to 67 F in afternoon.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10 x 40 B binoculars – good condition; Alpen Rainier 80mm EDHD High Performance 20 to 60 power Spotting Scope – good condition; Nikon D7100 camera with 18 mm to 300 mm telephoto lens.**

11. Distance to bird(s): **75 to 100 yards, possibly more.**

12. Duration of observation: **1 hour total – 30 minutes in morning and 30 minutes in afternoon.**

13. Habitat: **Mostly exposed clayey agricultural field with very little vegetation.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

During most of observation bird was resting or walking around in same general area.

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*):

From ebird notes made at observation: About the same size as nearby meadowlarks. It was very non-descript with long legs, a brownish dorsum, a prominent dark eye on a light background giving the appearance of a large eye ring, dark lores, and buffy patches extending onto the white underside. I was able to get a few poor photos due to the distance of the bird from the road.

16. Voice: **No vocalizations heard.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Fairly distinctive with clean white underparts, buffy area on sides, and white face with a dark eye. American Golden Plovers would be more mottled on back with a more speckled pattern ventrally.**

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

See <https://ebird.org/checklist/S155710486> for a few poor photos. Good photos obtained by others.

19. Previous experience with this species: **None – life bird for me.**

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

a. at time of observation: **Bird had been identified by others and I consulted both National Geographic and Sibley guides to confirm diagnostic features to look for.**

b. after observation: **In addition to field guides, I researched Mountain Plover on the internet for additional information.**

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	Ebird record
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: **Yes**

23. Date: **March 10, 2024**

Time: **9:30 am**

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