

## LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

### REPORT FORM

1. English and scientific Names:

Northern Wheatear, *Oenanthe oenanthe*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 bird, appeared to be possible first year bird.

3. Locality: (Parish)

Beauregard Parish, Louisiana – Beauregard Regional Airport, Deridder, LA.

4. Date(s) when observed:

11/07/2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Approximately 1:15 PM CST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner  
428 Hickory Hill Drive  
Boyce, LA 71409

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

Matt Pontiff

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

Gary Pontiff, Katie Barnes, Kirk Gardner.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Bird in fair light more or less from above – early afternoon, partly cloudy.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss Conquest HD 10 x 42 Binoculars – good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately 10 to 40 yards.

12. Duration of observation:

Seen for about 15 minutes.

13. Habitat:

Airport tarmac with adjacent grown up field vegetation between tarmac and adjacent perimeter fence.

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

Bird first seen on ground at edge of tarmac in front of a dumpster. It subsequently flew back and forth from the dumpster to field maintenance equipment roughly 40 yards from the dumpster. It perched on the high points of the equipment about 4-5 feet above ground level. When perched, it maintained a vertical posture. When flying from perch to perch, its broad white rump was displayed.

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):

See eBird comments below. The bird resembled a large Eastern Bluebird in form. The body was basically cinnamon in color, wings were brown, rump was bright white, and there were whitish eyebrows.

16. Voice

Not heard.

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

I can think of no similar species.

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

Images to be attached with this report.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have seen several Northern Wheatears in Alaska in the Nome region.

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

National Geographic Field Guide, Peterson Field Guide and Sibley Field Guide. National Audubon Society and IBird Pro bird identification aps on I-phone.

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation ( \_\_\_\_ notes attached?): \_\_\_\_\_ made after the observation; \_\_\_x\_\_\_ memory.

Notes from eBird Submission:

Bird found on south side of airport between main hanger and equipment shed. Hanging around a green dumpster between the two buildings. It was foraging on the ground in short grass around pavement. It regularly pumped its tail. It displayed a brilliant white rump and had a terminal dark stripe. It had a brown back and creamy, cinnamon body. There were distinct white eyebrows and dark eyes. Roughly the size of a smallish Northern Mockingbird. Bird was found initially in the morning by Gary Pontiff who was subsequently joined by Matt Pontiff.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter:                    signed

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\_\_\_





