

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon Junco) - *Junco hyemalis oreganus* [Oregon Group]
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 Adult in general plumage. Undetermined sex, I'm told the females are more "washed out" and the males more contrasting so if required I would guess male.
3. Parish:
Caddo
4. Specific Locality:
LSUS Campus - Pioneer Heritage Center
5. Date(s) when observed: Sun Jan 21st, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 12 PM
7. Reporting observer: Caleb Persia
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
None
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast, but decent light. Individual was initially in the open with no shade.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Monarchs 8x42
12. Distance to bird(s): 15-20 ft.
13. Duration of observation: 2-3 minutes
14. Habitat: Snow-covered grass and crape myrtles
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Hopping/feeding along the snow-covered ground with several Slate-colored Juncos,

flushed into nearby crape myrtles as a car drove by and rested on a low branch for a minute or so before flying off.

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):

Medium sized sparrow/junco with dark hood, small pale bill, and brown back/sides. Color ruled out other subspecies like Pink/Slate/Red-backed

17. Voice: Never vocalized

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

A handful of Slate-colored Junco were nearby, the individual was an obvious standout due to coloration.

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

None

20. Previous experience with this species: None with this specific subspecies, plenty of experience with the species in general. Enough to recognize this was a different subspecies.

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

Subspecies list in Audubon's Birds of the US

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

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

Fairly certain

24. Date report completed:

4/28/2024

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