

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Rock Wren *Salpinctes obsoletus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1
3. Parish:
Vermillion
4. Specific Locality:
W. Liberty Farm Road near corner of N. Holloway Rd.
5. Date(s) when observed: 12.22.2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:15am
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Diana Bailly
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
None today but observed by many over the week or so. Found by Esme Rosen.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Morning sun was bright and in our eyes to the front left. When bird appeared it was mostly backlit.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 Camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): about 50 feet or so
13. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
14. Habitat: Farmland area with barn, other structures and farm equipment scattered about

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was on top of barn sitting in the sun and catching an insect

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):

The bird was mostly light gray with slightly decurved bill. Larger than other local wrens.

17. Voice: Not heard

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

We have mostly Carolina Wrens where I live. They are darker, more rusty and more vocal.

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

Yes. By me and Diana Bailly. Mine are attached.

20. Previous experience with this species: First saw this bird in the Davis Mountains of Texas in August, 2023

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

None today. Knew what I was looking for.

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

12.22.2023

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







