

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>](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net) .

1. English and Scientific names: Smith's Longspur *Calcarius pictus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 5
3. Parish: Caddo
Specific Locality: Shreveport Regional Airport
4. Date(s) when observed: 2/7/15
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 0915-1000
6. Reporting observer and address: Dan O'Malley, Baton Rouge
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Terry Davis et al.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Various angles, birds flushed and circled about overhead
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): EO Ranger 8x42, good
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 20 meters
12. Duration of observation: Flushed birds several times. About 45 minutes from first sighting to last
13. Habitat: Short mowed grass, *Aristida* sp.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Birds flushed from ground and flew around before landing

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*): Longspurs with relatively plain face patterns, buffy underparts, and wide white sides of tail.

16. Voice: Rattle calls

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Other longspur species eliminated by amount of white in tail, and buffy cast to underparts.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Dan O'Malley (attached) as well as others present

19. Previous experience with this species: None.

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

a. at time of observation: Terry Davis

b. after observation: Nat Geo, Sibley

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: 7/3/15

Time: 1341

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____yes_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____yes_____



