

# 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: Spotted Towhee (Pipilo maculatus)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 adult, probable female

3. Parish: Vermilion

Specific Locality: Pecan Island

4. Date(s) when observed: January 13, 2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:20 pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

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| Reporting observer: Phillip Wallace |
| City: Abbeville                     |
| State: LA                           |

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Paul Conover discovered the bird.

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): Good; light behind and to the left of observers.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle 8x42 bins

11. Distance to bird(s): 5-20 m

12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes

13. Habitat: Wooded area fronted by a small field and hedgerow.

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

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*): Towhee with chocolate colored head, white breast and belly, rufous flanks, and red eye. Two diffuse white wing bars on dark wings, without a hint of the white primary patch of the Eastern Towhee. Extensive white spots and streaks on the wing coverts, scapulars/back, and tertials

16. Voice: None that I recall.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Towhee eliminated by the extensive white streaking and spotting on the wing and upper parts and the absence of a white primary patch, which also eliminates or minimizes the possibility of hybridization.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Wallace accompany this report. Conover also got photos.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen many times out west and in LA.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: Sibley

21. This description is written from:

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| <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: February 1, 2019  
Time: 8:03 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

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