

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Spotted Towhee (Pipilo maculatus)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 2 adults, apparently a male and a female

3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Grand Chenier

4. Date(s) when observed: January 21, 2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:10 pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Phillip Wallace
City: Abbeville
State: LA

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

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): David Booth, et al, heard the bird(s) the weekend of the LOS winter meeting. Rob Dobbs saw the male on January 25.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Fair to good. Initially the birds were silhouetted, but eventually they were seen in good light.

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

11. Distance to bird(s): 10-20 m

12. Duration of observation: On and off for 50 minutes

13. Habitat: Wooded and scrubby area next to Hwy 82.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Perching 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*): The apparent male had a black head and the apparent female had a chocolate-colored head. The breast and belly of both were white to off-white with rufous flanks. Both had red eyes. They had white wing bars without a hint of the white primary patch that EATO has. There was extensive white streaking on the primary coverts, scaps/back, and tertials.

16. Voice: Harsh mewing call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Extensive streaking and absence of white primary patch eliminates EATO and minimizes the likelihood of hybridization.

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

<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: 10:01 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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