

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):
One adult male with rufous sides, white belly, black back with spotted wing bars
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: north of LA 82 near approximate coordinates (29.7228,-92.7859)
4. Date(s) when observed: 01/25/2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1040-1045 am
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew From
City: Lafayette
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): bird originally found by Paul Conover, also found the day before by Samantha Chapman and found two hours after me by Rob Dobbs
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, the male bird came out of the bushes on the top of a bare limb
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics, 8X50 binoculars, fair
Nikon D3300 w/ 70-300 mm lens, good
11. Distance to bird(s): approximately 8 meters

12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes

13. Habitat: Scrubby bushes with senesced tallow trees adjacent to highway with a pond to the north and an abandoned home to the east

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Searching a known location for this bird, when arrived the bird was not visible. I used playback to call the bird to the edge of the bushes. When the male flew out it proceeded to sing a slurred gurgling song. Was not quick enough to start a recording.

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*): A cardinal sized and shaped bird with black back and head with white spots along the wings. The bird had red eyes with rufous sides and white belly. It had a dark grey, almost black bill.

16. Voice: Bird called from the top of shrubs with a slurred gurgling song/call.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Eastern Towhee was eliminated by the white spots along wing bars

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, myself, attached

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation: N/A

b. after observation: Cornell All about birds website, photo ID with the Merlin bird app

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:

23. Date: 01/27/2019
Time:0844

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 _____



