

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 bird
3. Parish: Ouachita Parish
Specific Locality: D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge
4. Date(s) when observed: Tuesday, 28 February 2023
Reported to eBird on 28 Feb 2023 Checklist S129858903
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:27 AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Cyndy Hardaker
City: Monroe
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): --
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): sun behind the photographer
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): D850, with ZOOM lens 200/500, no flash
11. Distance to bird(s): 10-15 feet away
12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes

13. Habitat: Found in brushy area of national refuge

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

Being inquisitive

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*):

16. Voice: none

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

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

19. Previous experience with this species:

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Recorded Observation through eBird – Tuesday, 28 February 2023
Macaulay Library ML 540738531; ML 540736861

21. This description is written from:

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

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

YES.

23. Date: 28 February 2023

Time: 10:27 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? _____Cyndy Hardaker_____



