

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 bird
3. Parish:
Webster
4. Specific Locality:
Cotton Valley
5. Date(s) when observed: November 3, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Around 10:30am
7. Reporting observer: Victoria Porter
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Zachary Davis
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
David Booth confirmed photo
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Samsung S23 Ultra
12. Distance to bird(s): Closest was about 5 feet.
13. Duration of observation: The bird came and ate in the front yard for about 15 minutes
14. Habitat: Front yard with fallen leaves and flower beds
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): It was feeding near the window at a feeding station
16. 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):

Spotted towhee, clear view of white spots on wings, red eye, rufous underside, captured clearly in photos.

17. Voice:

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Initially thought it was an Eastern Towhee until I noticed the spots on the wings.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Photos by Victoria Porter are attached

20. Previous experience with this species: First time I have seen one

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
LOS member David Booth commented on photo posted in LOS Facebook group and confirmed identification, Sibley field guide book, All About Birds website

22. Identification aids used when?
At time of sighting, After observation

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:
Yes. I have clear photos and it has been confirmed by other birders.

24. Date report completed:
November 3, 2024

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?
Yes

