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1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	Mountain Bluebird
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	adult female
5) Date:	2017-04-11
6) Location (include county):	Fermilab, Batavia, DuPage County, IL
7) Observers:	Carolyn Fields, Chuck Fields, and many others
8) Your name:	Carolyn Fields
Street Address	██████████
Street Address Line 2	
City	██████
State / Province / Region	█
Postal / Zip Code	██████
Country	██████
10) Your e-mail address:	████████████████████
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	many other observers
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	none that I know of
13) Description of bird (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, wings, undertail, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts: bill, legs, and feet) include only details actually seen in the field :	see attached photo
14) Description of behavior:	Perched on low vegetation and flew down to ground to find food many times.
15) Description of vocalizations:	none heard
16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	see attached photo
17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	Swarovski ATS80HD spotting scope, 20x wide angle
18) Distance/how measured?	50-100 yards, estimated
19) Time of observation:	11:30 am

20) Total time of observation:	Approximately 30 minutes
21) Weather conditions:	cool and fairly windy
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	Have seen a couple dozen male and female Mountain Bluebirds in the west, and hundreds of Eastern Bluebirds in the Midwest.
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	Uniformly pale gray overall, paler on belly, some sky blue on wings and tail. Thin bill, long wings and tail.
24) Were photos obtained?	Yes
25) If so, by whom?	Carolyn Fields
26) Books and illustrations consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	Sibley, National Geographic
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	Did not take notes
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	5 months
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	This bird was discovered by others and observed by many birders. Submitting documentation per Geoff Williamson's IBET request. Submitting 3 photos: 1 photo of female Mountain Bluebird (photo was digiscoped), one photo of the area (habitat) where it was seen feeding on April 11, 2017, and one phone screenshot of the approximate location of the bird on the Fermilab property.



Mountain Bluebird location Fermilab 4-11-17 IMG_4446.jpg
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