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**Re: IORC Documentation Submission**

1 message

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**Linda Padera** [REDACTED]  
Reply-To: Linda Padera [REDACTED]  
To: IORC <iorcommittee@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 21, 2017 at 10:20 AM

Geoff,

One tiny change. In the vocalization section, there should be a "?" after the word songs.

Thank you,

Linda Padera

On September 20, 2017 at 10:01 PM IORC <iorcommittee@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Linda:

Thank you very much for documenting your Mountain Bluebird observation and submitting the documentation to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC). IORC will review this record, and upon completing the review will communicate to you the results of its evaluation. If for whatever reason the completion of the review is delayed, IORC will endeavor to notify you periodically of that fact. For your information, the file number associated with this record is 2017-040.

As you may be aware, IORC's review is in large part to make a judgment as to whether the body of submitted evidence (yours and that from others, if any) is sufficient to assure the complete identification to species of the observed bird. Regardless of the outcome of IORC's judgment, the information you provided will be part of the permanent record that IORC maintains of occurrence of birdlife in Illinois. This will provide verifiable evidence to interested individuals in the future regarding the observation. Your having taken the time to prepare and submit your documentation is much appreciated by the current members of IORC, and will also be appreciated by students of Illinois bird life in the future.

Please note that because IORC's purpose is in part to maintain permanently the original bird records for use by future bird students, IORC provides access to the material associated with records to interested individuals. In fulfilling this purpose, IORC may publish photographs (and other material) submitted regarding records as part of IORC's regular reports and IOS's seasonal reports, which appear in the Illinois Ornithological Society's (IOS's) journal *Meadowlark*, and may also publish material (including photographs) on its web site. No other publication of submitted photographs is intended by IORC. IORC and IOS do not pay any reproduction fees for this use of images.

Also, for publication and review purposes, IOS and IORC prefer to have the highest available resolution for documentary photographs. If the photograph(s) that you sent is not of the highest resolution that you have available, we would appreciate your sending such a version to us. Thanks!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Geoff Williamson

IORC Secretary

On Mon, Sep 18, 2017 at 10:47 PM, IORC Web Submission <[iorcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:iorcommittee@gmail.com)> wrote:

1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	Mountain Bluebird ( <i>Sialia currucoides</i> )
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	Adult, female-type plumage
5) Date:	4/11/2017
6) Location (include county):	Fermilab, DuPage County, Illinois
7) Observers:	Linda Padera, Davida Kalina
8) Your name:	Linda Padera
Street Address	[REDACTED]
Street Address Line 2	
City	[REDACTED]
State / Province / Region	[REDACTED]
Postal / Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Country	[REDACTED]
10) Your e-mail address:	[REDACTED]
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	Davida Kalina
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	
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 :	Small, thrush-type bird. Pale female-type plumage (pale gray undersides, pale blue-gray wash on back, pale blue flight feathers on wings and tail), white eyering, white undertail coverts. Solid color, unspotted breast.
14) Description of behavior:	Bird was moving around quite a bit when we first saw it at field east of A.E.Sea and north of Sea of Evanescence. It was sighted in various small trees, bushes and perched on low plants, sometimes only 1-3 feet above ground. Looked like it was hunting, apparently flycatching insects.
15) Description of vocalizations:	Heard only a couple of short vocalizations, songs. Vocalization assisted locating bird at one point.
16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	Grassy field east of A.E.Sea and north of Sea of Evanescence, two small "lakes". Several clumps of trees and bushes of varying sizes, early spring vegetative debris (dead sticks from previous season's plants).
17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	Swarovski EL 10 x 42 binoculars, Nikon Coolpix P600 zoom point-and-shoot camera
18) Distance/how measured?	Distances estimated. Viewed once from about 75 yards, once from about 50 yards.
19) Time of observation:	11:00 am

20) Total time of observation:	Photos are timed from 11:00am to 11:38am
21) Weather conditions:	Around 40-50F, wind gusty from the west at 15-20mph. No precipitation during observations. It felt cold.
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	I have seen this species in Rocky Mountain National Park several times. Have also viewed Western and Eastern Bluebirds in various locations, the latter often in both Cook and DuPage Counties in Illinois.
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	No rufous seen on this bird at all.
24) Were photos obtained?	Yes
25) If so, by whom?	Linda Padera
26) Books and illustrations consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	David Sibley's book The Sibley Guide to Birds published 2000. Bird looked most like illustration of Mountain Bluebird Gray Adult female.
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	Not applicable, photos taken on-site
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	Five months
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	There were many people, possibly up to 30, there taking photos, viewing bird through binoculars and spotting scopes. Bird present 4/9/17 - 4/12/17 per eBird.

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