

## BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the LOS Bird Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: Northern Phalarope Phalaropus lobatus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 ad. - basic plumage
3. Locality: Louisiana: Cameron Parish: 1 mi. E mouth Calcasieu Pass
4. Date(s) when seen: 1 November 1986
5. Times of day when seen: ~ 11 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Van Remsen, LSUMZ
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
11. Distance to bird:
12. Duration of observation:
13. Habitat (general and specific):  
coastal mudflat
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification):  
sitting with roosting flock of Dunlins and Western Sandpipers,  
but obviously injured - autopsy revealed a nearly dismembered leg.
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):  
collected - specimen at LSUMZ  
(a typical N. Phalarope - compared with other specimens at LSU in terms of ---  
- bill length and shape (short and thin)  
- back plumage (dark and striped)  
- overall size (small)  
... to eliminate Red and Wilson's phalaropes

16. Voice: silent

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

Red Phalarope — larger, thicker-billed, paler and more evenly colored dorsally, etc  
Wilson's — much larger, longer-billed, white rump + tail, etc

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

19. Previous experience with this species:

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation; none

b) after observation: LSYM2 collection

21. This description written from: \_\_\_ notes made during observation;  notes made after observation; \_\_\_ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: *Van Rensen*

24. Date and time of writing this account:

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