

Louisiana Ornithological Society's

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: GLAUCOUS GULL (Larus hyperboreus)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): ONE IN 1st WINTER PLUMAGE
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: CAMERON
(parish)
2 MILES WEST OF HACKBERRY ON BEACH
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 08 FEB 1997
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1615 hr
6. Reporting observer and address: DOUGLAS W. FAULKNER
3538 WEST US 36
DANVILLE, IN 46122
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
NONE
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): OVERCAST
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): ZEISS DIALYT 7x42 B (NEW)
11. Distance to bird(s): 10 m
12. Duration of observation: 10 min
13. Habitat:

OPEN BEACH

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

FIRST OBSERVED SITTING ON ROCK OUTCROPPING 5m FROM BEACH, THEN FLYING FOR 10m BEFORE LANDING IN WATER NEAR LAUGHING (L. atricilla), RING-BILLED (L. delawarensis) and HERRING (L. argentatus) GULLS.

15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: 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):

ENTIRELY WHITE GULL LARGER THAN HERRING GULLS SEEN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY.; TWO-TONED BILL (PINK WITH BLACK TIP) LARGE/HEAVY ; PINK LEGS ; DARK EYES ; "FLAT" HEAD ; BESIDES EYES , LEGS , AND BILL NO OTHER OBSERVED PIGMENTATION

16. **Voice:** NONE

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

ICELAND GULL (L. glaucoides) — BY LARGER SIZE AND HEAVY, TWO-TONED BILL (IN 1ST WINTER PLUMAGE)

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

SLIDES (D. FAULKNER)

19. **Previous experience with this species:**

NONE

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

a. **at time of observation:** NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE TO N.A. BIRDS

SEABIRDS IDENTIFICATION GUIDE BY PETER HARRISON

b. **after observation:**

21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation
(___ notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___);
X memory.

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

23. **Signature of reporter:** Douglas W Faulkner 18 FEB 1997
(date) (time)

15 MAY 1997

STEVE,

HEY THERE! HERE'S THE GLAUCOUS
GULL REPORT. I WOULD HAVE SENT IT
EARLIER, BUT THE DAMN POST OFFICE LOST
MY SLIDES I'VE BEEN WAITING ON FOR 8
WEEKS. IF I DO EVENTUALLY GET THEM I'LL
SEND A COPY TO YOU. BIG BEND HAS BEEN GOOD
TO ME, THOUGH NOTHING EXTREMELY RARE. ROSE-
THROATED BECARD AND THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD ARE RECENT
REPORTS, BUT SKEPTICAL. I'LL BE IN COLORADO THIS
SUMMER AND COSTA RICA (TORTUGUERO) BANDING MIGRANTS
THIS FALL. I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH.
(SAY HI TO DONNA FOR ME)

DOUG