

## 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: Kelp Gull Larus dominicanus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One Adult, One Kelp x Herring Hybrid
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Jefferson Parish, LA  
Approx 10 miles offshore (parish) South of Grand Isle, LA  
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 4/17/99
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Approx. 8<sup>30</sup> AM - 9<sup>00</sup> AM
6. Reporting observer and address: R. Martin Guidry  
6139 North Shore Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Numerous persons on LOS Pelagic Trip including  
David L'Hoste, Donna Dittmann, Steve Carlisle
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
N/A
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): SUNNY, clear - Various relationships  
on sun. Observer, bird positions as bird
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swift Audubon 8.5x44 binoculars  
"followed" boat.
11. Distance to bird(s): Varied from 20 feet overhead to 1/4 mile
12. Duration of observation: behind boat  
Approximately 20-30 minutes with Kelp
13. Habitat: Gull frequently sighted for  
20-30 seconds at a time  
→ Flying behind shrimp boat and charter  
boat among flock of laughing Gulls and  
Herring Gulls on Gulf of Mexico.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):  
 Flying behind shrimp boat and charter boat in Gulf of Mexico with Laughing Gulls and Herring 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): Fairly large gull approximately size of associated Herring Gulls. Very dark, black upper wing and black wedge underside of primaries and black secondary bar. White head, neck, breast, stomach and throat. White tail, yellow feet, large bulky yellow beak with orange spot at tip of lower mandible.
16. Voice: Did not see white mirror on outer primary.  
 None heard
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
 Very black underwing wedge of primaries and very black secondary bar on underwing eliminate lesser
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Black-backed 3/6 slides enclosed
19. Previous experience with this species: Herring Gulls  
 Saw Kelp Gull in Galveston, TX twice.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
 a. at time of observation: Steve Cardiff, Donna Dittmann  
 b. after observation: Peter Harrison's Seabirds An Identification Guide
21. This description is written from:  notes made during the observation  
 notes attached?;  notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_);  
 memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Fairly certain except didn't observe mirror in outermost primary.
23. Signature of reporter: R. Mart Gully 5/13/99 8:00 PM  
 (date) (time)







