

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: Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one female in alternate plumage
3. Locality: Parish: Terrebonne;
Specific Locality: west tip of Grand (Big) Timbalier Island
4. Date(s) when observed: 18 May 2011
5. Time(s) of day when observed: approximately between 4:30-4:40 PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Donna L. Dittmann & Steven W. Cardiff
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Richard DeMay, Dan O'Malley, and Jessica Schultz also saw this bird
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Excellent afternoon light
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 X 42 Leica binocular (DLD); 10 X 50 Leica binocular (SWC)
11. Distance to bird(s): at the closest point (photos) it may have been within 20 ft.
12. Duration of observation: we probably watched and attempted to get photos of it for maybe 5-10 minutes after initially spotting it

13. Habitat: barrier island; it was foraging in a tide pool of clear water on sand; at one point it flushed out to shoreline and landed in incoming waves but then returned to its pool where it continued to forage.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): spotted by SWC as it swam in tide pool. Relatively tame, but flushed if we got too close trying to get pics (briefly walking on shore with flock of Red Knots, Dunlins, and Sanderlings), but would then return to the tide pool.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: 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): Unmistakable small shorebird, obvious phalarope with a long, straight, needle-like all black bill. Colorful, fluffy, swimming shorebird. Adult female with gray head, nape, and back, white patch over eye and throat. Back with two longitudinal rust-colored stripes. Russet running from side of head down side of throat. Under parts white, mottled on sides. In flight wings had a prominent white stripe. See photos.

16. Voice: a flat "pick," heard a couple of times when it was flushed.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Nothing quite similar.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, by DLD and SWC.

19. Previous experience with this species: Very familiar with this species from long history with it in West; also off North Carolina, and have also found and documented a few in Louisiana.

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

None necessary. ID was obvious.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); ___X___ memory, plus using photos and photo EXIF data.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain:

Yes

23. Date: ___ 14 February 2011 _____ Time: ___ 2:35 PM _____

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____ YES _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? ___ Yes _____





