

**LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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Species: Cory's Shearwater, *Calonectris diomedea*

Location: 17-21 mi SE South Pass, Plaquemines Parish, Gulf of Mexico, 28.80 °N, 88.93 °W

Date: 10 September 2016

Molt status: All seen well were molting primaries

Number of individuals: 2

Circumstances:

Pelagic trip on Delta Blue (Capt. John Coulon) with Chantal Correll, Terry Davis, Cathy DiSalvo, Rob Dobbs, Joan Garvey, Lynn Hathaway, Van Remsen, Christine Kooi, Marybeth Lima, Cham & Mary Mehaffey, Andre Moncrieff, David Muth, Mac Myers, Jane Patterson, Janine & Paul Robin, Ed Wallace.

First truly pelagic leg of the trip. Cloudy, light breeze. List extended past 1 hr protocol because we were looping over same area (checking chum ... no takers) at end of the hour and seeing same birds. "Blue" water; 27 flying-fish flushed.

<https://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S31528078>

Description: Two Cory's seen on this leg;

Scopoli's – one. Time stamp 10:17

Borealis – one. Time stamp 10:14

All Cory's seen this day were identified based on the following characters. If we felt that we did not get good enough photos to see these characters, we left them unidentified to subspecies:

Scopoli's with extensive white tongues extending into the base of the underside of the primaries, thinner bill, paler and smaller head.

Borealis with solidly black primaries on the underside, thicker bill, darker and larger head









