

**LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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Species: Great Shearwater, *Ardenna gravis*

Location: inshore from South Pass to 17 mi. SE, Plaquemines Parish, Gulf of Mexico, 28.841 °N, 88.962 °W

Date: 10 September 2016

Time: 09:10

Molt status: none apparent

Number of individuals: one

Circumstances:

First leg of GOM portion of 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.

Headed southeast from mouth of South Pass. Cloudy. Light breeze. Hit clean water relatively early. At least 16 flying-fish flushed during 2nd half of this leg. Location plotted roughly at midpoint.

<https://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S31527659>

All of the Great Shearwaters that we saw this day were fairly well spaced apart in time, leading us to believe that they were separate individuals, especially given the sheer number of shearwaters on the ocean that day