

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

Location: ca. 22 mi SE South Pass, Plaquemines Parish, Gulf of Mexico, 28.45 °N, 88.53 °W

Date: 10 September 2016

Time: 10:38 – 11:38 AM

Molt status: none apparent

Number of individuals: four

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.

Leg 3 of pelagic trip. Blue water, 25 flying-fish flushed. Mostly cloudy to cloudy; breezy; some light rain towards end of segment. (Boat was not equipped with water depth and temperature equipment, so these metric missing from all the lists.)

<https://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S31529080>

I took a bunch of photos of a flock of Cory's Shearwater at 10:55, and subsequently noticed a Great Shearwater in the photos when I was reviewing them later.

Three were seen sitting together on the water at 11:33, which flushed as we got closer.

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 shear number of shearwaters on the ocean that day







