

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

Location: ca. 10 mi SSE South Pass, Plaquemines Parish, Gulf of Mexico, 28.60 °N, 88.86 °W

Date: 10 September 2016

Time: 12:38 – 13:38

Molt status: molting primaries

Number of individuals: 1

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 5 of pelagic trip. Cloudy with intermittent light rain beginning to interfere with detections, especially towards end. Running west from storms, but not fast enough. Locality plotted at rough midpoint of leg. One of the only sargassum lines located, but it was small.

<https://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S31531800>

Description:

Unknown subspecies – one: time stamp 12:48

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

