

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: **Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **one in juvenal plumage**

3. Parish: **Cameron**

Specific Locality: **East end of Broussard Beach, ca. 2.75 mi. E of LeBleu Camp Rd./ PR-3183 beach access, ca. 3.5 mi. W of Rutherford Beach Rd. access, ca. 4 mi. SW of Oak Grove**

4. Date(s) when observed: **7 September 2019**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **3:15 PM CDT**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Justin Bosler
City: Austin
State: Texas

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Devin Bosler**

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 bright light on subject when initially spotted and identified quickly becoming washed out by bright sun and then severely backlit.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Leica Trinovid 8x42 HD**

11. Distance to bird(s): **within 100 meters**

12. Duration of observation: **one minute maximum in view**

13. Habitat: **nearshore Gulf of Mexico**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **flying about 20-25 meters off of water parallel to shoreline in the company of juvenile Royal Tern. Both birds were flying east to west and did not join loafing gulls and terns on the beach west of initial location. It was a brief observation with enough time to quickly study the plumage and obtain photos.**

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): **a small, tern-like gull with uniform grayish-brown upperparts extending from head down through mantle. Striking white wedge on trailing edge of wing with grayish-brown wing coverts and black primaries. White underparts. Relatively small, dove-like head and smallish, delicate black bill. White, cleft-shaped tail with narrow black distal band. Legs and feet dark. Irides appeared dark.**

16. Voice: **none heard.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **juvenile Laughing Gull eliminated by striking 3-toned upper surface of wing and narrow black subterminal tail band.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, by J. Bosler and attached.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **some experience with this species in pelagic waters of Pacific Ocean off California and limited experience with rare transients in Texas, including at least one juvenile and one adult.**

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **none**

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: **Yes, 100% positive.**

23. Date: **19 September 2019**

Time: **10:45 AM**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____ **Yes** _____

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



