

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: Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 individual, immature (suspecting both sightings are the same bird)

3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Grand Isle State Park, Elmer's Island

4. Date(s) when observed:
4/18/19 and 5/29/19

5. Time(s) of day when observed:
10:30 AM, 10:30 AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jonathan Patzlaff
City: Valencia
State: CA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Alexander Sullivan on 4/18/19, Kiah Williams and Julia Lightner on 5/29/19
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Viewed and lit from the east

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondback Binoculars, Vortex Razor Spotting Scope, DSLR camera (Julia Lightner's)

11. Distance to bird(s): 50 meters both times

12. Duration of observation: 10-15 minutes both times

13. Habitat: Shoreline both times.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Loafing on shoreline with other birds at Grand Isle State Park (Royal Terns and Laughing Gulls), loafing near other smaller gulls at Elmer's.

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*): Large bird, completely white, white primaries.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Glaucous-winged Gull, which would have gray primaries and not be white overall.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos from Grand Isle State Park taken by me (Jonathan Patzlaff) with an iPhone camera through a Vortex Razor scope. Photos from Elmer's Island taken by Julia Lightner with a DSLR camera.

Grand Isle State Park photos



Elmer's Island photos



19. Previous experience with this species:

Not seen this species previously, but learned it in an Ornithology course in college.

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

a. at time of observation:

Sibley Guide, iBird Ultimate App

b. after observation:

Sibley Guide, iBird Ultimate App, NatGeo Guide

21. This description is written from:

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

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes

23. Date: 6/17/20
Time: 4:30 PM

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 _____

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