

# 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>](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net) .

1. English and Scientific names: Iceland (Thayer's) Gull (*Larus glaucoides*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one worn/bleached imm
3. Parish: Cameron  
Specific Locality: Holly Beach, west of Holly Beach community
4. Date(s) when observed: 27 April 2019
5. Time(s) of day when observed: observed twice, first around 10:30-10:45 AM and again around 3:30 PM.
6. Reporting observer and address: Donna L. Dittmann & Steven W. Cardiff
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): a few members of our LOS field tr
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): presumably the same bird observed on 6 May 20  
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S55948171>
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): clear weather c  
Decent- clear and mild in AM with a light ESE wind, bird just offshore to south flying east and sun to SE. In
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 X 40 and 10 X 50 Leica binoculars, good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): in AM bird was a couple hundred yards offshore, first on a rock jetty then it flew east
12. Duration of observation: in Am, maybe a few minutes, in PM at least 15-30 minutes.

13. Habitat: gulf beach

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in but it was pretty far away and quickly departed to east (at which point we could see overall pale plumage and Dittmann initially took photos from vehicle. Several times the bird flushed and moved west to the next gull behavior of loafin on beach with other gulls.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*. See eBird list at <https://ebird.org/checklist/S55470390>

Comments from eBird list:

“Initially identified as possible Iceland (Thayer’s) or leucistic Herring. After further study of photos we are inclined to call it Iceland (Thayer’s). and tail too dark for L. g. glaucoides or L. g. kumlieni but within range of variation for Thayer’s.”

Noticeably smaller and overall much paler in direct comparison to several immature Herring Gulls, with r tan to medium-dark brown. There was some tan mottling on upper and under wing coverts, back, and belly.

16. Voice: not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Combination of overall small si

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

see: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S55470390>

19. Previous experience with this species: Somewhat experienced on West Coast and we have found several

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 type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
X	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	4/28/2000 eBird
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 26 February 2020

Time: 11:00 AM

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? \_\_\_\_\_YES\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_\_\_YES\_\_\_\_\_









