

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: Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
one juvenile
3. Parish: Caddo
Specific Locality: Cross Lake
4. Date(s) when observed: 9-5-17
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 3:00 pm just after seeing first of two Sabine's Gulls
6. Reporting observer and address: Charles Lyon Shreveport, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): I was on the boat alone when I first found the bird. I called others to join me. They included Jeff Trahan, Rosemary Seidler, Dot Rambin, and John Dillon.
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): good with 25% cloud cover
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): binoculars See multiple photos
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 30 feet
12. Duration of observation: several minutes on several separate occasions
13. Habitat: open water
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): resting and flying and feeding
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*): Small delicate Sterna tern seen in direct comparison with Forster's Terns. See photos. Immature with some brownish striations to grayish back Small all black bill. Prominent white secondaries and tips of greater coverts clearly seen in photos Narrow black tips to white primaries noted. Modest carpal bar seen. Dark head and nape with white on forehead

16. Voice: silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Above description and photos eliminate the other two more expected "comic" terns... Forster's and Common.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive in multiple states and countries, but was a LA state bird for me.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): I reviewed multiple texts as well as verified ID with Van Remsen, Steve Cardiff, Donna Dittman, and Paul Conover before submitting record.

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: multiple texts

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	eBird report of 9-5-17
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes

23. Date: 2-24-18

Time:

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_____