

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: Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 immature (1st year)
3. Parish: Plaquemines
Specific Locality: Buras Boat Launch
4. Date(s) when observed: March 23, 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:00pm
6. Reporting observer and address: James F. Holmes (Jim), 4109 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): James F. Holmes, Sr.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Stakeout (unsure who originally found the bird)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x42 binoculars in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s): 60 – 200 feet
12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes

13. Habitat: boat harbor

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): sitting on post

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 gull perhaps similar in size to a Laughing Gull but the bird was by itself and no other gulls around for comparison. White head with dark spot behind the eye and dark half collar to nape. Eye dark. Lesser/Median coverts dark with grayish mantle. Chest and belly white. Primaries dark. Bill and legs appeared dark.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Red-legged kittiwake: has a darker mantle and lacks the dark wing coverts.

Immature Black-headed, Bonaparte's and Little Gulls all have dark spots behind the eye but lack the dark half collar.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by James F. Holmes (Jim) are submitted with the report and can also be viewed in the eBird report:

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S43889603>

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species on numerous occasions, including in this plumage. I most recently saw this species on a trip from Los Angeles to Vancouver on November 30 – December 1, 2017 where I counted 63 birds including many in this plumage over the two days.

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

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

23. Date: March 31, 2018

Time: 9:45am

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 _____

