

# 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: Black-legged kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
One, sex unknown, juvenile in clean, neat juvenile plumage
3. Parish: Plaquemines  
Specific Locality: Buras boat harbor/ Joshua's marina Hwy 23, Buras
4. Date(s) when observed: 3-16-18
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:55 thru 3:10 pm. Still there when we left.
6. Reporting observer and address: Janine Robin 13083 Blackwell Lane Franklinton, LA 70438
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Malise Prieto
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): We were the first to see it. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, seen by Joan Garvey, Cathy DiSalvo, Mike Munier and Philip DiSalvo
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast with some break in clouds to show blue sky.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Steiner 8x42 and Lumix F28 25-600mm
11. Distance to bird(s): between 15 to 25 feet
12. Duration of observation: about 15 minutes
13. Habitat: Boat harbor and fish cleaning station next to marsh and open water.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was calm. Mixed in with LAGU and RBGU dipping down to take fish pieces being thrown in the water from the cleaning station. It flew around the harbor several times and would come back to the cleaning station to try for more food. Several people were there coming in

from fishing and the bird was not timid or afraid.

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*): First seen flying over head from the harbor toward the fish cleaning station. It stood out from the LAGU by it's larger size, white based tail with black edging and smudge on it's face behind the eye. When it landed, I could see the thick, black nape collar. When it flew down to the water, I could see the bold black M pattern on the upperpart of wings.

16. Voice: Silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Didn't look like any other bird in the gull family that I have seen before. First for me.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, attached to email. Photos are mine.

19. Previous experience with this species: None, lifer.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley field guide and app, iBird pro app.

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: 3-17-18

Time: 11:19 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 \_\_\_\_\_





