

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 in preformative molt (?)
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: West end of Rutherford Beach, W of cattle guard, on the beach
4. Date(s) when observed: April 24, 2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:45-10:15

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Sam Saunders
City: Lindale
State: Texas

15874 Regian Dr, Lindale, Tx 75771

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

N/A (showed pictures to friends, Erik Johnson, John Dillon)

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

N/A

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sun E of me, bird W of me. Sunny.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Vortex Razor HD 22-48x65 Spotting Scope (Angled-Viewing)

11. Distance to bird(s): At the lowest 20m

12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes

13. Habitat: Beach bordering pasture

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

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*): Yellow, slightly drooped bill, dark lines on wings and wingtips, slightly smaller than nearby laughing gull.

16. Voice: N/A

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

Gulls with black head/dark spot like BOGU: yellow bill, black legs

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

Digiscope photos, uncropped originals (Sam Saunders, yes)

19. Previous experience with this species:

None

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

a. at time of observation:

Sibley field guide app for iPhone.

b. after observation:

Friends.

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: 4/24/2018

Time: 10:07 p.m.

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

