

# 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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Brown booby
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 in adult plumage, 1 in IM plumage
3. Locality: Parish: St Tammany  
Specific Locality: Lake Pontchartrain
4. Date(s) when observed: 9-13-15
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:56AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Janine Robin 13083 Blackwell Lane Franklinton, LA 70438
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Claire Thomas
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): None today
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was in bright sunlight
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): No optics used. Birds were large and very close to the bridge(causeway).
11. Distance to bird(s): At first, about 75 yards, then flew closer and passed over us.
12. Duration of observation: 8 seconds
13. Habitat: Lake Pontchartrain

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying very low over water in the company of several laughing gulls.

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): Large water birds, dark brown above, white around face. Adult was white below and IM was dingy white/dull brown. Have seen them several times in same area.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Not a pelican.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): no

19. Previous experience with this species: This is my 5<sup>th</sup> sighting this year on the bridge. Have seen one before in Madisonville.

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

a. at time of observation: Claire Thomas

b. after observation: nothing, sure of ID

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_ notes attached?); \_\_\_\_\_ notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); \_\_\_\_\_ x memory.

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

23. Date: \_9-13-15\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_ 8:48PM\_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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