

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Brown Booby, *Sula leucogaster*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
Two juveniles, sex unknown. Plumage can be viewed in photographs at bottom of form.
3. Parish: Terrebonne County, Louisiana
Specific Locality: Observed from deck of seismic survey vessel in northern Gulf of Mexico. Coordinates as follows: 28°07.973'N -091°29.323'W
4. Date(s) when observed: 11 May 2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Between 4-5 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Laurie Dugan
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): n/a
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): Birds flying in bright daylight.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 7x50 binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): Closest range approximately 10 meters.
12. Duration of observation: 20 minutes
13. Habitat: offshore
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Birds gliding in front of vessel, back and forth from port to starboard.
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*): Sulid with long, bluish beak and light blue eyes. Pale underwing coverts. Pease see attached photographs.

16. Voice: n/a

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Self. Yes, photographs are attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: Yes, in western Atlantic.

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

a. at time of observation: National Wildlife Federation Field Guide to Birds of North America

b. after observation: same as above

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- confirmation from eBird correspondence.

23. Date: 13 May 2015

Time: 10:17 p.m.

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_____

Both of the photos below are of the same individual. I cropped the photos and reduced their size- if originals are needed please let me know.

