

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):
1 adult plumage
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: mile marker 16.3 on Causeway North bound
4. Date(s) when observed: June 13, 2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:55PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Dr. Lehman Ellis, 4123 Woodland Dr., Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, LA 70131
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Mostly cloudy, fairly bright but not glary
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): none
11. Distance to bird(s): 10 meters at closest point
12. Duration of observation: 10 to 15 seconds
13. Habitat: Over Lake Pontchartrain
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying East to West approaching Causeway and banking over the Causeway and moving in Southeast direction following bank
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): Large seabird. Dark head, back, tail dorsal surface of wings and most of ventral surface. Ventral surface of body was white from a point just forward of the wings to the vent and extending into axilla for a short distance. Bill was conical and overall profile of bird was tapered front and back. Bill was whitish. Wings were relatively long and tapered to a point. Wing tips were not rounded and wing was a long slender profile. Feet were pale and short legs.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): bird was smaller than a Pelican and bill was completely wrong as was the color pattern, was not a dark-backed gull and dark head would not be consistent with those species. Color pattern reminiscent of Tricolored Heron but bill, head shape, and wing shape were wrong plus the birds was clearly seen even if for a short time and was not a heron. Terns were also not consistent with the observed bird where color and size were wrong.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Not possible under observation conditions

19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species in the Caribbean and in Hawaii on several occasions

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): none

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Bird 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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I exclaimed to my wife that the bird was a Booby immediately. She was unaware that this was a rare sighting and said "so what you have seen them before".

23. Date: June 13, 2015

Time: 1:55 PM

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 _____