

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: Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one individual, adult plumage, sex unknown
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: seen while driving south on causeway bridge, just before the drawbridge (headed southbound) at around mile marker 16.2 in am, then seen again in afternoon at 3:30 pm when driving north around milemarker 16.7
4. Date(s) when observed:
3/31/15
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
9:15am and again at 3:30 pm
6. Reporting observer and address:
Pamela Morgan 400 Morgan Street Madisonville LA 70447
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): sunny and clear. Bird was flying on my right, as I was driving south and was flying north in morning. In afternoon, bird was seen clearly as it flew from east to west across the spans of the bridge in front of me as I was driving north (from my right to my left).
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
none
11. Distance to bird(s):
75-100 ft.
12. Duration of observation:

1 minute or so

13. Habitat:

Open water of Lake Pontchartrain

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

bird was flying due north with strong flight.

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*):

Bird had dark brown head/mantle that extended onto top of breast. There was a sharp demarcation at white rest of body. Pointed stout yellowish bill. Pointed wings and strong steady flight.

16. Voice:

none heard as I was in car

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

Gannet comes to mind, but coloration is quite different. Bird was unmistakable and I had pleasure of seeing one before 2 years ago at St. Tammany Northshore CBC

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

no

19. Previous experience with this species:

yes. See above.

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

no

a. at time of observation:

no

b. after observation:

no

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:

yes

23. Date: 4/6/15

Time: 9:29 am

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_____