

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): 2 Adults
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Lake Pontchartrain, adjacent to causeway
4. Date(s) when observed: 5.28.15
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~1230-1400
6. Reporting observer and address: Dan O'Malley, Baton Rouge
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Michael Seymour
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Michael Seymour; staked out birds seen and identified by many observers
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overhead lighting, seen in shade of bridge at times
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): EO Ranger 8x42, good
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 6 meters
12. Duration of observation: ~1.5 hours
13. Habitat: Open water shallow estuarine lake

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

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*): Small solid with brown upperparts, brown head, throat, and chest. White belly, flanks, and undertail coverts. Large patch of white underwing coverts, otherwise brown on underside of wings. Yellow bill, face, and feet.

16. Voice: NA

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Immature Masked Booby, Northern Gannet by sharply defined brown and white pattern, size, soft part coloration.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Dan O'Malley (attached) and Michael Seymour

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen previously in LA, FL, and HI.

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

a. at time of observation: None.

b. after observation: Nat Geo, Sibley

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: 7.1.15

Time: 1851

