

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Brown booby
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one
3. Locality: Parish: St Tammany and Jefferson  

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Specific Locality: Seen from causeway bridge. 5-28 and 6-18 in St Tammany and 6-08 in Jefferson
4. Date(s) when observed: 5-28-15 and 6-8-2015 and 6-18-2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:50am on 5-28 and 5:45pm on 6-08 2:40pm on 6-18
6. Reporting observer and address: Janine Robin 13083 Blackwell lane Franklinton, LA 70438
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mary Mehaffey, Claire Thomas and Paul Robin
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Many others including Jody Shugart, Charlie Lyons, Jeff Trahan, Pamela Morgan and others.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Both sightings were under clear skies and calm waters. No glare on the water.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): none, bird close enough to causeway to see clearly (I was not the driver). No optical equip on 6-18, bird close to the bridge.
11. Distance to bird(s): In both sightings, approximately 150 yards. 6-18 sighting we were about 30 yards from the bird.
12. Duration of observation: 5-28: 10 seconds 6-08: 5 to 8 seconds (traveling on the causeway) 6-18: 3 or 4 seconds (traveling in heavy traffic).
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): 5-28: bird was flying in a semi-circle and was flying toward us, then went north/northeast as it neared us.

6-08: Bird perched on a channel marker at the high bridge at mile marker 8. 6-18: flying the same direction as we were driving(southbound)

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): In both cases, saw large dark sea bird with dark brown back, head and breast. White belly. 6-18: this was a different bird than seen on 5-28, it was a dingy gray/brown and bill was not bright yellow, but rather dull and off white to gray. Same size and shape of previously seen boobies. Appeared to be an immature.

16. Voice: none

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen in Madisonville during the winter. In that event, we were right up on the bird (we were in a boat) before it flew.

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

a. at time of observation: other birder

b. after observation: none

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: \_\_\_ 6-13-15\_ and 6-19-15\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_8:03pm\_ 10:45am\_\_\_\_\_

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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