

# 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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: [Brown Booby](#), *Sula leucogaster*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): [One immature \(near-adult\)](#)
3. Locality: Parish: [Plaquemines \(Gulf of Mexico\)](#)  
Specific Locality: [ca. 22 mi SE of South Pass of Mississippi River](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [10 September 2016](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [1120 CDT](#)
6. Reporting observer and address: [Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA](#)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Terry Davis, Oscar Johnson, Marybeth Lima, Andre Moncrieff, David Muth, Mac Myers, Van Remsen, and others](#)
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Overcast sky, giving soft light without glare.](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [Swarovski 8x30 binos \(good condition\), Nikon AF-S 70-300 mm 1:4.5-5.6 G camera lens \(good condition\)](#)
11. Distance to bird(s): [100 m or less](#)
12. Duration of observation: [2-3 min, at least](#)
13. Habitat: [pelagic, "blue" water](#)
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): I do not recall the circumstances of the observation, as there was a lot of activity around the boat at the time, but most of the observation involved the bird foraging and sitting on the water, not far off the port bow.

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): Sulid with solid dark/chocolate brown upperparts, head, and breast, contrasting strongly with dingy whitish belly, and with bright yellow bill, facial skin, and legs/feet.

16. Voice: Not vocal

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Adults (and near-adults) distinctive – combination of dark brown upperparts, head and breast, white belly/vent, yellow bill/facial skin, and yellow legs/feet, unlike any age-sex classes of other sulid species. Juv/first year Masked Booby most similar, but has dark legs/feet and, in flight, more extensive white in underwing and rump. Juv/first year Blue-footed Booby differentiated by dark bill and by dark legs/feet.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photos, by Robert C. Dobbs

19. Previous experience with this species: Close study of several age classes of Brown Boobies in Lake Pontchartrain recently, in addition to previous experience with the species in the tropics

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Nat Geo Guide to Birds of N Am

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_\_notes attached?);  notes made after the observation (date: October 2016); \_\_\_\_\_memory;  photos taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes, positive

23. Date: 26 November 2016 Time: 1230 CST

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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