LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

- 1. English and Scientific names: (keyed out as) Brown Booby, Sula leucogaster
- 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 3 adults
- 3. Locality: Cameron Parish

Specific Locality: Grand Lake (Calcasieu Lake)

- 4. Date(s) when observed: 12/24/2017
- 5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:00-11:15 p.m.
- 6. Reporting observer and address: Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA
- 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
- 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): Birds were to
- 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Fieldscope 20-60X.
- 11. Distance to bird(s): I believe about a mile
- 12. Duration of observation: Over an hour
- 13. Habitat: Open lake; birds were on tall poles on small platforms on the lake. There were many small platforms
- 14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: Perched and preening.
- 15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen;* include if possible: Brown and white sulids with yellow bills. Perched among cormorants and pelicans; smaller than the latter, appears to the company of the

Head, neck, and breast dark brown forming a hood that was sharply set off from a bright white breast; dorsal

Description and photos somewhat limited given the distance, but no other bird shares this shape, size and col

16. Voice:

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

None very similar. Cormorants paler on head and neck than breast, longer-necked. No other sulid shares the

- 18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Poor photos and videos by me. Videos
- 19. Previous experience with this species: 2 other experiences, one with 20 birds (adults and younger) from
- 20. This description is written from memory and photos.
- 21. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes.

22. Date: 12/25/2017



