

# 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>](mailto: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): 1 adult male
3. Parish: Vermilion  
Specific Locality: West Cameron Block 643
4. Date(s) when observed: Thu Jun 08, 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:00 pm CST
6. Reporting observer and address: John Baker. 756 Monmouth Road. Windsor, ON, Canada. N8Y 3L2
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): Sun was high in the sky, lighting the bird from the top.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): None
11. Distance to bird(s): 30 feet
12. Duration of observation: 10 seconds
13. Habitat: Offshore Gulf of Mexico

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

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*): Sharp line between a dark head and white breast. "Brilliant" white breast had no impurities, nor did the head. Light bill.

{ Flyby. About 30 feet from the boat. White underparts with brown head and light bill. Sharp line between brown head and white belly. Unmistakable. Seen by a few non birders, and all agreed the sharp line between the head and white belly was the thing that stuck out the most as the bird flew by. }

16. Voice: Did not vocalize

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Immature Northern Gannet: Breast is not perfectly white, and there is not a sharp distinction between the head and breast. And it seems an immature northern gannet would have a dark bill.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): No

19. Previous experience with this species: Guanabara Bay. Rio De Janeiro.

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

a. at time of observation: Google Images

b. after observation: Sibley Guide to North American Birds

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: June 16, 2017

Time: 07:00pm EDT

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_