

# 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): 3, one immature two adults.
3. Parish: Plaquemines  
Specific Locality: River mile 3 South West Pass, Mississippi River
4. Date(s) when observed: June 28,29
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1200
6. Reporting observer and address: Robert Meyer, po box 10 Meyers Chuck Ak. 99903
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): 0
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Birds were observed around noon central time, overcast cloudy conditions.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon 7x30

11. Distance to bird(s): both sightings birds were about 300ft away.

12. Duration of observation: both sighting lasted about 3min.

13. Habitat: coastal marsh.

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

Birds were flying east to west across river.

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*):

First sighting; Large Gannet like bird dark brown body, breast was lighter grey, bill was long pointed blue grey in color. long slender wings pointed wing tips. Plumage indicated a juvenile.

Second sighting; Large Gannet like bird brown body whitish breast, bill long and pointed grayish to yellow. Long slender pointed wings.

16. Voice: none

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

Norther Gannet was eliminated due to observed birds being mostly dark with light breast.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

none at present

19. Previous experience with this species: Have been working on ships in both oceans for over 30years. Observed hundreds of Norther Gannets along the eastern seaboard. Blue footed and brown boobies in the pacific ocean as well as albatross, skua and Fulmars.

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

Audubon, iBird Pro, internet searches (proved helpful with juvenile).

a. at time of observation. Audubon, iBird app

b. after observation: internet image searches

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?

notes made after the observation. At what date?

memory

study of images

description is from limited note made at observation, memory and image search minutes after observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I'm positive of my identification.

23. Date: June 29 20017

Time: 2200

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\_\_\_\_\_

