

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 adult
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Lacassane Lodge
4. Date(s) when observed: 16 December 2016
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:15-10:25 am
6. Reporting observer and address:
Phillip Wallace
Abbeville, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): David Muth
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): Good light; sun behind and slightly to the left of line of sight
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle 10x binoculars
11. Distance to bird(s): 30-40 yds
12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
13. Habitat: Fallow field just to the west of a landing strip
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Feeding with Cackling Geese
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*): A large Canada/Cackling type goose, clearly larger than the adjacent Cackling Geese. Larger bill and larger white chin patch than Cackling. Longer more sinuous neck than Cackling. Darker feathering at base of black neck than most of the adjacent Cackling Geese.

16. Voice: Not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): The overall size and bill size and shape indicate canadensis.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Wallace accompany this report.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen many Cackling Geese and a few wild Canadas as well as many feral Canadas.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley and several articles written after the split.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: I'm pretty sure it's a Canada rather than a Cackling. The primary issue is provenance.

23. Date: 7 February 2017

Time: 4:30 pm

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 _____

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