

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
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:

Cinnamon Teal, *Anas cyanoptera*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

One, male.

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Cameron Parish - Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Pintail Loop north of road about ¼ mile from entrance in impoundment.

4. Date(s) when observed:

January 2, 2015

4. Time(s) of day when observed: Mid-afternoon around 4:00 PM CST.

5. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, LA 71409

6. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Alan Hohnshee

7. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Numerous individuals have reported male Cinnamon Teal from the approximate area during December 2014 and January 2015.

8. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Sky was cloudy. No shadows.

9. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Eagle Optics Raven Scope, fair condition.

10. Distance to bird(s):

Birds were about 100 yards from me.

11. Duration of Observation:

Watched the birds for about 2 minutes.

12. Habitat:

Shallow water impoundment.

13. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observations (flying, feeding, resting; including and stress habits in identification: relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was in open water adjacent to emergent vegetation – grasses and sedges. I watched the bird swim from open water and saw it work its way into the vegetation. Then I lost it. Alan Hohnshee found in the same area about 45 minutes later.

14. 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):

The drake was a bright reddish brown color – head, neck and body – with gleaming red eyes.

Voice:

We heard no call.

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

Hybrid of Cinnamon Teal x Blue-winged Teal is a possibility. I don't think it was a hybrid.

16. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?):

None.

17. Previous experience with this species:

I have seen Cinnamon Teal several times in Louisiana, Texas, and California.

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

- a. at time of observation: Sibley's Field Guide.
- b. after observation: None.

19. This description is written from: __notes made during the observation (notes attached?); ___note made after the observation (date: _____); __x__ memory.

20. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain.

Yes with the referenced caveats.

21. Signature of reporter _signed Jay V. Huner_ 02/06/2015, 4:00 PM.