

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: Cory's Shearwater; *Calonectris diomedea*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
Two seen on pelagic trip organized by Dr. J.V. Remsen and David Muth out of Venice.
3. Parish: N/A
Specific Locality: blue water of Gulf out of Venice – see ebird lists for exact locality
4. Date(s) when observed: 2 September 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Early afternoon, one photographed by me around 1332 hrs. Unable to get photo of first bird.
6. Reporting observer and address: Larry R. Raymond, 6675 North Park Circle, Shreveport, LA 71107
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): 19 birder participants, including Dr. J.V. Remsen, Dr. Eric Johnson, David Muth, Paul Conover, Robert Dobbs, Nancy Newfield, John Dillon, Hal Mitchell, John Sevanair and others. Not sure which participants saw bird.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Photo provided by myself, with several photos provided by Hal Mitchell, Robert Dobbs, and possibly others.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sunny day, good light, clear visibility

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 x 40 Zeiss binoculars; Nikon camera with 18-300 mm lens
11. Distance to bird(s): bird flew within 50 to 100 ft of boat
12. Duration of observation: less than 1 minute, but photos taken
13. Habitat: deep blue waters of Gulf near *Sargassum* line
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): both birds flew in front of boat near water surface
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*): Large gull size bird with slow wingbeats. Brown on dorsum with white under wings edged in black. Large yellow bill with dark tip.
16. Voice:
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Combination of large size, thick yellow bill, and white under wings rules out other possible shearwaters.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): See ebird checklists: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S38986948>
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S38984348>
19. Previous experience with this species: None
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
 - a. at time of observation: Identified by other birders with experience at time of observation.
 - b. after observation: Peterson Guide, Sibley Guide; photographs taken at time of observation

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: Yes.

23. Date: 8 September 2017

Time: 2000 hrs

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