

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: **Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One presumed adult male
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **Cameron Parish**

Specific Locality: **off Pintail wildlife tour loop, Cameron Prairie NWR off LA-27, ca. 1.5 mi. S of Sweet Lake**
4. Date(s) when observed: **31 December 2014**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~11:30 AM – 12:10 PM CST**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Devin Bosler**
14112 Crossing Way East
Edmond, OK 73013
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Marty Guidry**
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Fred Pratt (originally discovered on 29 December), Billy Jones and Dan Lane (first reported on 30 December), Paul Conover, Mac Myers, Van Remsen, m. ob. through January 2015.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Clear sky with optimal late morning sunlight. Sun angle fairly high and away from observers. Backlighting or glare not problematic.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss Victory FL 8x42, Kowa TSN 88 series w/ 88 mm angled eyepiece (40-60x zoom), Canon Powershot HS 110 digital elph point-and-shoot camera (equipment in excellent condition).**

11. Distance to bird(s): **ca. 200+ meters**

12. Duration of observation: **~40 min.**

13. Habitat: **Open/ semi-open freshwater impoundment, freshwater cattail marsh, reedy edges, roadside scrub, rural residential, etc.**

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

Only observed foraging (dabbling) and at rest. Closely associated with 120+ American Wigeon (AMWI) and other dabbling ducks at far west end (northwest corner) of main impoundment. Foraging amid dense smartweed-duckweed emergent aquatic vegetation mats nr. wall of Phragmites. Almost constantly in motion throughout observation. Not observed in flight.

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):

A mid-sized *Anas* duck with overall gray upperparts and whitish underparts. Medium gray mantle/ upperparts contrasting rufous-brown head. Cream-colored forehead and forecrown. Rosy-purple breast blending to uniform gray sides and flanks. Bold white horizontal stripe along sides. Black-and-white pattern to tertials. Black undertail coverts contrasting with gray flanks and white belly. Steel-blue bill with black nares and tip (nail). Legs/ feet not seen clearly. Dark irides.

16. Voice: **N/A**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
American Wigeon (AMWI) eliminated by head color (mottled gray with metallic

green band and whitish forecrown) and uniform rosy-purplish sides and flanks. No other similar dabbling ducks.

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

19. Previous experience with this species:

Very familiar with this species from at least six other U.S. states and one Canadian province.

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **Various online/ web resources.**

21. This description is written from: **Yes** notes made during the observation (____notes attached?); **Yes** notes made after the observation (date:____); **Yes** memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: **Yes, absolutely positive.**

23. Signature of reporter: **Devin Bosler** Date: **9 April 2015** Time: **7:00 PM CDT**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? **Yes, please.**

If yes, may we include your name with the report? **Yes, please.**