

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Eurasian Wigeon; *Anas penelope*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 male in alternate plumage
3. Locality: Parish: Cameron Parish
Specific Locality: Cameron Prairie NWR; Pintail Loop
4. Date(s) when observed: Jan 17, 2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:30am and again at 12:30pm.
6. Reporting observer and address: John Dillon, 183 Dance Road, Athens, LA 71003
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Gerry Click
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): first found by Billy Jones and later Dan Lane on Dec 30, 2014.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast at first at ~150 yards; sunny later at ~130 yards.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Alpen 8x42 binoculars in good condition; Bushnell 60X scope in good condition.
11. Distance to bird(s): 130-150 yards.
12. Duration of observation: approx. 10-20 minutes around 9:30; then about the same amount around 12:30.
13. Habitat: flooded fields at Cameron Prairie NWR.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): feeding and preening; associating with American Wigeon.

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): Stakeout bird. *Anas* duck with cinnamon colored head and wide buffy blond central head stripe from bill base to back of head. Ruddy brown breast, light gray upper parts and flanks, dark tertials, white patch at rear flanks behind legs, and black butt. Size similar to American Wigeon, which it was associating with.

16. Voice: N/A.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Not sure what it could be confused with. But easily separated from AMWI by head color.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: None.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley; Nat Geo 6th ed.

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (____notes attached?); _____notes made after the observation (date:_____);
__X__memory.

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

23. Date: Jan 18, 2015 Time: 1:30pm

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

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

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