

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:

Eurasian Wigeon, *Anas penelope*

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

Male, adult

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

Cameron Parish, Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Pintail Loop. Found in grassy impoundment north of road about ¼ mile from entrance near parking area for board walk. Bird was at least 150 yards from the road.

4. Date(s) when observed:

January 2, 2015

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

12:35 PM CST to 1:10 PM CST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

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

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

Clyde Massey, Joan Brown, Bill Brown, Joyce Bennett, Gary Pontiff, Matt Pontiff, and Alan Hohnshee.

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

Billy Jones, Dan Lane, Van Remsen, Michael Musumeche and many others.

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

Overcast, early afternoon. No appreciable shadows.

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

Eagle Optics Raven Scope – 40 X, fair condition and Zeiss 10 x 42 binoculars, good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

150-200 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

On and off for about 35 minutes.

13. Habitat:

Managed marsh impoundment for waterfowl habitat. Shallow openings and emergent vegetation, mostly grasses and sedges.

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

Bird was in company with at least a dozen American Wigeons and mixed ducks including Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, and Green-winged Teal along with a few Snow Geese. Bird was actively feeding during the entire period of observation. From time to time, it was out of sight behind emergent vegetation.

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):

Medium-sized puddle duck. Distinct orange-red head and cream-colored crown. Body mostly gray.

16. Voice:

Bird was silent.

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

American Wigeon. American Wigeon male has white crown but has green eye stripe and gray face.

18. Photos/Recordings:

None.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have encountered Eurasian Wigeon in Finland, Nova Scotia, and on the US West Coast.

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

a. at time of observation:

Sibley Field Guide.

b. after observation:

National Geographic Field Guide.

21. This description is written from: ☒ notes made during the observation (notes attached?); ☐ notes made after the observation; ☒ memory.

As described. Red-orange –brown head. Bright white crown. Feeding with A. Wigeon.

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

Yes

23. Signature of reporter Jay V. Huner 02/06/2015 1:15 PM