

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: Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 “adult” male in definitive basic plumage (*per* Pyle 2005, Waterbirds).
3. Parish: Cameron Parish
Specific Locality: Cameron Prairie NWR, Pintail Dr. Loop
4. Date(s) when observed: 1 January 2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:20pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Erik I. Johnson, 102 Goodwood Cir., Lafayette, LA 70508
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Ceci Johnson
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Van Remsen (spotted the bird), Amy Shutt, Gordon and Deanna Griggs; originally found on 30 December 2014 by Billy Jones and Dan Lane (reports on Facebook and LABird), independent of each other.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast even light
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 20 – 60x Vortex spotting scope; 10x42 Swarovski EL binoculars, Nikon D7000 with 80-400 mm f/4.5-5.6 VR lens
11. Distance to bird(s): a couple hundred yards

12. Duration of observation: about 10 minutes, took photographs in 2nd 5 minute period

13. Habitat: freshwater marsh with some scattered emergent herbaceous vegetation

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): feeding while swimming. Foraging among other ducks (American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Gadwall, Northern Pintail, perhaps other dabblers). No indication that the bird was tame or feral, but no hard evidence to support wild provenance.

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*):

All chestnut red head with whitish forehead and crown not extending to nape. Even light gray body (flanks and back) with a few white patches variably visible (mostly obscured by folded wing) under wing along flanks; chest blending to pinkish-chestnut. White patch at rear of flanks sharply against black undertail. Pale grayish bill. Similar in size to male American Wigeon foraging right next to it.

16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Redhead and Canvasback both with black chest and lacking white spot at rear of flanks, also lacking whitish crown patch. American Wigeon adult male with green along side of head, 1st winter male and female American Wigeon similar, but more cinnamon on body and male still with a darker/greenish patch along side of head. No indication of hybridization with other ducks – i.e., all markings consistent with pure Eurasian Wigeon.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen a few about 12 years ago in Oregon.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley Guide to Birds of North America vol 1

b. after observation: internet photos, Pyle Guide to North American Birds vol 2

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?

	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
x	Memory		
X	study of images		

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

23. Date: 1 January 2015

Time: 8:45 pm

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