

# 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, Mareca penelope*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *One male*
3. Locality: Parish: *Cameron*  
Specific Locality: *near southern terminus of Calcasieu River Road*
4. Date(s) when observed: *20 December 2024*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *1645-1700 CST*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *none*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *none*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *muted, but "warm" tones of late afternoon light under clear sky; looking north-ish with setting sun to my back*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 10x42 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition); Pentax PF-80EDa spotting scope (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *ca. 150 m*
12. Duration of observation: *ca. 12 min*

13. Habitat: [partially flooded ag field](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Loafing with 8 American Wigeons; and other dabbling ducks \(mostly Mallards and Mottled Ducks\) nearby. Gunshots ca. 0.5 mi away caused the wigeons to flush, along with some other ducks; last seen flying SE and gaining altitude \(but not seen well in flight\)](#)

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): [Dabbling duck same size/structure as adjacent American Wigeons, but with chestnut-rufous head and distinctive paler buffy forehead and forecrown. Back and sides gray. At rest, white wing coverts form division between folded wing and sides, similar to male American Wigeon. Black-and-white pattern of ventral region also similar to male American Wigeon.](#)

16. Voice: [Not known to vocalize](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [No similar species, and no evidence of any intermediate characters that might suggest hybridization..](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Photos by Robert C. Dobbs/LDWF, attached](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Very little experience, have seen 3-4 adult males in various places over the years](#)

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

a. at time of observation: [none](#)

b. after observation: [Alderfer, J. \(ed.\) 2006. Nat. Geo. Complete Birds of North America](#)

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_ notes attached?); \_\_\_\_\_ notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); \_\_\_\_\_ memory; [X](#) images taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: [Yes, positive](#)

23. Date: [22 December 2024](#) Time: [1445 CST](#) \_\_\_\_\_

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







