

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: Glaucous Gull; *Larus hyperborean*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
one
3. Locality: Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Holly Beach
4. Date(s) when observed: 4/26/2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:05 am
6. Reporting observer and address: Mary Mehaffey; 84305 Cobblestone Ct., Folsom, LA; m11mehaffey@att.net
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Cham Mehaffey
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Jay Huner observed bird after we saw it
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): bright light, middle of day

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8 x 40 Alpen Binoculars in excellent condition

11. Distance to bird: 20 ft

12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Coastline beach

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

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): large white gull bigger than Herring Gull with long pink bill with black tip; some beige speckling on neck and vent; pictures taken

16. Voice: did not call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): much larger than Iceland Gull; no other local species are all white

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photos taken and attached

19. Previous experience with this species: have seen this species before at Holly Beach, East Jetty Beach in Cameron, and in Lake Pontchartrain

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sibley's Guide to Birds of North America

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

notes written just after observation

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

23. Date: 7/23/2014 Time: 12:30pm

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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