

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 hyperboreus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 in first winter plumage
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish)
_____Cameron_____
- Specific Locality: _Holly Beach, beach itself, within town limits_____
4. Date(s) when observed: 21 Dec. 2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:25-2:55 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: B. Mac. Myers 641 South 5th St. Eunice LA 70535
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Casey Wright
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Walker and Heather Wilson had seen the bird earlier in the day(?) in covering their area for the CBC. We were not aware of that at the time.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): not recorded, but good
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Vortex good conditions
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 50 yds, maybe less
12. Duration of observation: about ten minutes
13. Habitat: gulf beach

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Casey Wright found the bird while was using portable toilet. We were out of our Sabine CBC area for the toilet. Her camera malfunctioned, so she grabbed mine and took photos. When I left the toilet I also took photos. The bird was standing, walking, poking at dead fish, flying; in immediate company with RBGU, and LAGU not far away

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): A large very pale gull, off-white or very pale cream all over; with darker, blond freckling on wing coverts and a bit of mantle, and some below, most otceable around undertail area. Eyes dark. Bill bright pink basally, with black, "dipped in ink" tip. Bill rather straight sided, little gonydeal bulge. Dwarfed nearby Ring-billed.

16. Voice: n/a

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): See description and photos.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Both Casey and I took photos. I have submitted six. I'm not sure which of us too which, but I'm pretty sure the photos include some by each of us.

19. Previous experience with this species: A fair number in LA, almost yearly recently

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: don't recall

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (____notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); _____x_____ memory. And from examining photos

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

23. Signature of reporter: B. Mac. Myers _____ Date: 22
Oct. 2015 _____ Time: 4:55 pm _____



