

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):
one first winter bird
3. Locality: Parish: Caddo
Specific Locality: Cross Lake
4. Date(s) when observed: 1-6-15 and 2-4-15 This bird was first reported by Aidan Place on 12-23-15.
5. Time(s) of day when observed: late afternoon at 4:30 pm with sunset approaching on 1-6-15. Around 3:30 pm on 2-4-15.
6. Reporting observer and address: Charles Lyon Shreveport, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): I was alone on 1-6-15 and Jeff and Jean Trahan were with me on 2-4-15.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): adequate
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): binoculars See multiple photos
11. Distance to bird(s): As close as 20 feet
12. Duration of observation: Over 30 minutes on two occasions.
13. Habitat: open water and seen perched on roof of boat house at the Shreveport Yacht Club
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): loafing on boat house roof, flying, and sitting in open 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): Very large gull, and larger than Herring Gulls and much larger than numerous Ring-billed Gulls. Virtually all white with exception of some subtle smudging of brown on wing coverts, axillaries, and face. Very large bicolored bill with dark tip and dark

iris age it as a first cycle immature. Bulky sloping head and large size also separate it from Iceland Gull.

16. Voice: silent

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): See multiple photos I took.

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive and seen in multiple states.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: multiple field guides and gull texts.

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

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

23. Date: 2-24-18 Time: 7:50 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

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