

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 first winter
3. Locality: Parish: Jefferson/Lafourche
Specific Locality: Caminada Headland. First seen on Elmer's Island (Jefferson) and later in Lafourche in two different localities, once just west of parish line, and again on the western edge of Bay Champagne.
4. Date(s) when observed: 1.13.16
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 0749 AM at "elbow" on east end of Elmer's Island. Last seen at 1221 on Bay Champagne.
6. Reporting observer and address: Dan O'Malley
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None at time of initial discovery. Later with Tori O'Malley, Scott Walters.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Steve Cardiff and Donna Dittmann had the bird as a flyby near the parish line.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Varied, but seen and photographed in good light (ie sun behind observer).
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski EL 10x42, new. Swarovski 80 mm Spotting Scope with 20-60x eyepiece, good. Canon 7D Mark II with 100-400mm 4.5-5.6 lens, good.
11. Distance to bird(s): As close as 20 meters.

12. Duration of observation: Viewed at leisure on several occasions. ~15 minutes total

13. Habitat: Beach. Primarily on Gulf side of beach, but loafing with mixed water bird flock in traditional spot on west end of Bay Champagne, on the bay (north) side of the beach ridge.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Mostly loafing, but also flying in response to being flushed, and eating washed up fish.

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 pale gull with dark irides, pale pink legs, and a boldly bi-colored bill with black distally and pink proximally. Plumage white overall, but with fine light brown, caramel colored markings throughout.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Iceland Gull eliminated by size, wing length, and shape and coloration of bill. Aberrant Herring eliminated by size (slightly larger than Herring) and light brown markings, which would be absent from a leucistic or badly bleached Herring.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes Dan O'Malley

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen one first winter bird before in Terrebonne Parish. I've also seen an adult type in Massachusetts.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: Sibley's, Nat Geo

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____);
___x___ memory.

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

23. Date: __ 2/4/16 _____ Time: __ 0937 ____

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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