

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 immature*
3. Locality: Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Grand Isle, at 29.245x-89.969
4. Date(s) when observed: *25-26 April 2017*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *0800 and 1625 on 25 April 2017; and again at 0800 on 26 April 2017*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Delaina LeBlanc, Jessica Schulz, Justin LeClaire, Casey Wright, Maggie Macpherson, et al.*
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): *First observed by David Muth et al. 22 April 2017*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Ranging from very poor, looking east into sun on mornings of both 25 and 26 April, to very good, looking east away from sun in afternoon of 25 April.*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Swarovski 80mm spotting scope (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *as close as 100 m*
12. Duration of observation: *approx. 30 min cumulatively*

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): [resting; also flying when flushed](#)

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 gull, generally similar in size to Herring Gulls, which were nearby, but never quite side-by-side. When perched, plumage appeared all-white, in both poor AM and good PM light. Flight feathers appeared uniformly immaculate white when perched and in flight--see photos. Photos in flight also suggest some pale brownish coloring on belly and sides, but lighting for flight observation was terrible, and I did not see the bird well in flight \(as I was looking through camera\). Legs pink. Bill large and bicolored, pink on basal three-quarters and black on distal one-quarter.](#)

16. Voice: [not vocal](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Large size/structure \(similar to Herring Gull\) and large, heavy bill eliminate smaller species with potentially all-white flight feathers \(Iceland Gull complex\). Distinctly bicolored bill and short-winged structure eliminate albinistic gulls of similar size, such as Glaucous-winged and Herring. Complete absence of dark pigmentation in primaries should alleviate hybrid concerns.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Yes, photos by Robert C. Dobbs](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [limited... I've only seen 3-4 over the years](#)

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

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

b. after observation: [Howell and Dunn](#)

21. This description is written from: X notes made during the observation (notes rec in eBird notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); memory.

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

23. Date: 30 April 2017 Time: 0845

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





