

# 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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <[zoiseaux@lusfiber.net](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

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. Parish: Lafourche  
Specific Locality: Fourchon by West Belle Pass
4. Date(s) when observed:  
04/05/17
5. Time(s) of day when observed:  
Mid-morning (9:15-9:30)
6. Reporting observer and address:  
Casey Wright 137 Petes Wharf Lane, Grand Isle, LA 70358
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
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):  
Excellent- not back lit; bird was to the west of me
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
Swarovski Spotting scope 20x-40x (close enough where binoculars was all needed)
11. Distance to bird(s):  
100 ft
12. Duration of observation:  
15 minutes
13. Habitat: Beach
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Resting with a large group of gulls, mostly HERG; flushed when I continued my survey but landed around the corner of the pass (where I was surveying). After the second time it was flushed (had to complete the survey), I did not resight it a third time.

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

Similar in size to Herring Gulls nearby. Almost completely white, large gull with pink legs, bicolored bill. Some gray coloring on head and back; none on wings

16. Voice:

NA

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

None expected in this state. Similar in size to HERG but can be ruled out by plumage characteristics (HERG would not be that pale)

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

Poorly digiscoped photos

19. Previous experience with this species:

Seen on several occasions in Cameron and Jefferson Parish

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

a. at time of observation:

Audubon bird app

b. after observation:

Cornell lab; Audubon lab

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes.

23. Date: 04/05/17

Time: 09:15

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_





