

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 individual, second cycle*
3. Locality: Parish: *Cameron*
Specific Locality: *ca. 1 mi W of Rutherford Beach community*
4. Date(s) when observed: *20 May 2020*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *0905-0955*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *None*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *This may be same bird observed/reported by Mac Myers and Tom Finnie in early April*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Bright ambient light given time of day and beach environs, but no glare due to partly cloudy sky*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *As close as 25 m*
12. Duration of observation: *off and on for 50 min*

13. Habitat: [Foreshore and backshore beach](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Loafing, initially on foreshore beach with other gulls and terns, then solo on backshore beach. 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): [Large white-headed gull, a bit larger than HERG \(direct comparison\). All-white, or off-white, plumage w/ buffy tinge on uppersides of primaries, underwing coverts, and upper surface of tail \(at least bases of rectrices\). Large/stout bill, well demarcated with pink proximate 3/4 contrasting with black \(or near black\) distal 1/4. Pink legs and feet. Flight feathers super ratty. Second cycle based on pale iris.](#)

16. Voice: [Not vocal](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [From Iceland Gull by larger size and larger/heavier bill \(based on direct comparison with Herring\). This bird's typical Glaucous Gull bill size, structure, and coloration also eliminate albinistic/leucistic gulls, and other bleached-out gulls.](#)

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

19. Previous experience with this species: [A fair bit, here and there, but not extensive](#)

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 attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); memory; X images taken during the observation.

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

23. Date: [26 July 2020](#) Time: [1600](#)

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





