

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 1st cycle bird, possibly female
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) *East Baton Rouge Parish*
Specific Locality: *West Irene Impoundments, EBR landfill*
4. Date(s) when observed: *4 and 11 January 2022*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *First noticed around 10:00am, and then from 10:50-11:30 and again 1:45-2:00pm on 4 Jan, and about 1-2pm on 11 Jan.*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science, Baton Rouge*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Van Remsen, David Vander Pluym, Gary Byerly, Machele Mclindon, Robb Brumfield, Esme Rosen, Nick Ramsey.*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *none*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Excellent, clear sky, good light behind us for most of observation (and when over the dump, the backlighting by sun highlighted the white wings).*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 20-60 zoom scope and Zeiss 10x40 binocular.*
11. Distance to bird(s): *100 ft to about ½ mile.*
12. Duration of observation: *Total time collapsed probably near an hour or so.*

13. Habitat: Active landfill and impoundment pond nearby.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): On the 4th, I first noticed the bird as it flew over the dump in a large group of gulls about ½ mile away, clearly seeing its white body and wings with the backlighting from the sun. About 45 min later, it plopped down in front of us on the water of the large pond in the impoundments allowing distant scope viewing. After checking other areas of the impoundments, we returned to the Gull Pond and found it on the beach where we were able to approach closer. One the 11th, it took us quite a while to see the bird, but Esme found it on the water amid a large group of gulls on the Gull Pond.

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, as large as most of the nearby Herring Gulls, but mostly pale cream whitish with weak brownish scrawlings on the wings, tail, rump, undertail coverts, and a light brownish wash to neck, chest, and upper belly. Dark eye, bill pink with well-defined black tip, legs pink.

16. Voice: None heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Nothing about this bird suggested a Herring with pigmentation issues, especially given the bill pattern. Iceland Gull does not have the black/pink bill, and would be smaller than most Herring Gulls.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Many photos taken, especially on 4 Jan:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S100130447>

More distant photos on 11 Jan:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S100595727>

My photos from 4 Jan attached below.

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive, mostly in Northeast and Alaska, but several in-state sightings now.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

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. Signature of reporter: ___Dan Lane_____Date:___18 Jan
2022_Time:___3:45pm__

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_____













All above photos from 4 Jan



This photo from 11 Jan.

