

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Iceland Gull, *Larus glaucoides*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
One 1<sup>st</sup> year
3. Locality: Acadia Parish  
Specific Locality: Egan
4. Date(s) when observed: 02/25/2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ca. 2-4 p.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA
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): Overcast with light rain falling during observation, but light sufficient, good.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Fieldscope 20-60X, Zeiss 10s, Samsung S8 thru scope
11. Distance to bird(s): 100 yards, perhaps
12. Duration of observation: About 5 minutes
13. Habitat: Plowed field where gulls loaf outside of landfill
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: Preening, then settled down for nap
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 first winter gull on the small side of Herring, pale brownish and gray gull with pale primaries, dark bill, and pale tail.



Bird mainly seen from rear view, preening. Tertials and upperwing coverts whitish with patterns composed of sparse, fine darker flecking.



Exposed primary tips were pale grayish brown-centered with broad pale edgings.



Tail was similarly colored, but tail pattern was comprised of narrow dark wavy bands.



Uppertail coverts finely barred or scalloped, undertail largely pale and with fewer narrow dark bands than uppertail.





Upperparts mostly pale gray but with slight mixture of smudgy pale gray; appeared to be different generations of feathers.



Hind collar of smudgy pale brown. Foreneck, breast, and much of head a pale dirty brown—this color may have been influenced by soiling. Darker gray area from base of bill extending back and around eyes as a mask; again, this may have been the result of staining as this is an odd pattern for any gull. Bill short, without much bulk, mostly to all dark. Head somewhat rounded, and cowed. Eye dark. Legs a rich pink, richer than neighboring Herrings in direct comparison.



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

Size, shape, and structure all within range of Iceland, and with color of wings, tail, and body, should rule out other white-winged gulls, leucistic Herrings, and pale hybrids.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos and video by me.

19. Previous experience with this species: With various "Iceland" types pale to dark.

20. This description is written from memory and photos.

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

22. Date: 02/26/2018