

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: *Iceland Gull, Larus glaucoides*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One, first cycle
3. Locality: Parish: Jefferson Davis
Specific Locality: Jefferson Davis Parish landfill
4. Date(s) when observed: *03 January 2018*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *Noon*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Gary Byerly, Paul Conover, Dan Lane, Van Remsen*
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): *Bright sunlight under clear sky, with little glare or harshness--looking west with sun generally to south*
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): *200-250 m*
12. Duration of observation: *off-and-on for 5-10 min*

13. Habitat: [landfill](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Seen in flight only, on 3-4 occasions when gulls flushed up from within landfill \(out of sight to us\) and flew around above the rim of the landfill. Several bouts of this occurred, with the gulls settling back down out of sight each 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): [A medium-large \(about Herring-sized; larger than nearby Ring-bills, but not outrageously so\), white-headed gull with completely white flight feathers. Body plumage appeared generally whitish, with what looked to be faint, beige vermiculations or mottling, but distance prevented making out such details. Bill appeared to be relatively small \(e.g., relative to the bird's head size\) and all-blackish, but the bird was too distant to see details regarding subtle color tones, gonydeal angle, etc.](#)

16. Voice: [Not known to be vocal](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Glaucous Gull eliminated by relatively small, all-blackish bill--Glaucous's strongly bicolored bill would have been apparent even at 200-m distance and in photos. Leucistic Herring \(or other large gull\) probably eliminated by complete absence of darker tones in flight feathers.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Photos attached, by Robert C. Dobbs. Additional photos by Remsen available in eBird report.](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [5-10 individuals](#)

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; X photos taken during the observation.

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

23. Date: 18 January 2018 Time: 1300 CST

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









