

# 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 winter bird.
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) Jeff Davis \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Locality: \_\_\_\_ Welsh Landfill \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date(s) when observed: 3 January, 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Dan Lane  
LSU Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): J. V. Remsen, Jr., Gary Byerly, Paul Conover, Robb Dobbs
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 light from south with bird to our west.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40 binoculars and Swarovski 85mm angled scope with 25-60x eyepiece.
11. Distance to bird(s): about 200 meters.
12. Duration of observation: Total, perhaps about 5 min.
13. Habitat: slope of solid waste landfill.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was seen only in flight within a concentration of gulls over the active part of the dump.

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, approximately the size of a Herring Gull. Very pale overall with dark bill (pattern not easily discernable) and whitish primaries and tail. The paleness of wings suggests a Kumlien's over Thayer's type.

16. Voice: none noted.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Mostly dark bill eliminates Glaucous Gull and leucistic Herring Gull, the latter usually has ghosted melanin on tail and primaries.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes photos and video by Remsen and Dobbs available on eBird list.  
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S41611433>

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive in northeastern US.

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: \_\_\_\_\_);  
 memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes.

23. Signature of reporter: \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel Lane \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_14 Jan 2018\_ Time: \_6:00pm

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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