

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> cycle bird*
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) *East Baton Rouge*  
Specific Locality: *West Irene Impoundments by BR Landfill*
4. Date(s) when observed: *15 March 2020*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *~9:15-12:40, but perhaps only about 40 min total during this time.*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Glaucia Del Rio, Marco Rego, 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): *Good light*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Zeiss 10x42 binocular and Swarovski 25-60 zoom telescope*
11. Distance to bird(s): *between 20-50 meters*
12. Duration of observation: *Perhaps 40 min total*
13. Habitat: *settling pond by landfill*
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): First spotted as it flew in from landfill and alighted among other resting gulls. Eagles flushed the gulls several times, and it was lost after about 15 min of observation. DFL relocated the bird again around noon and watched it for another 25 min or so, getting further photos.

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 white-headed gull, slightly larger than the Ring-bills, but slightly smaller than Herring around it. Noticeably whitish primaries. Bill mostly dark with paler base. Overall plumage was mottled cream and some patchy grayish or buff, no strong blackish on wings or body plumage. Bill was small for a large gull. Eyes dark, legs dull pink.

16. Voice: Not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Glaucous Gull larger, clearly two-toned bill. Herring should have obvious blackish markings on primaries, tail, heavier build. No other gulls really so pale.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photos and video. See <https://ebird.org/checklist/S83466436> also see below.

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive in Northeast, with several previous Louisiana records.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel Lane \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_23 March 2021\_\_ Time: \_\_12:40am\_\_

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\_\_\_\_



























