

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:** Kelp Gull Larus dominicanus
 2. **Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):** one adult
 3. **Locality: LOUISIANA:** St. Bernard
(parish)
Curlew Island on Chandeleur Island chain.
(specific locality)
 4. **Date(s) when observed:** 7-23-94 and 7-24-94
 5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** throughout the late am, and all afternoon on 7-23-94 and throughout the am on 7-24-94
 6. **Reporting observer and address:**
Charles E. Lyon
8617 E. Wilderness Way
Shreveport, LA 71106
 7. **Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):**
Paul Dickson
 8. **Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):**
Donna Dittmann
Steve Cardiff
 9. **Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):** sunny excellent light angles see photos
 10. **Optical equipment (type, power, condition):**
8x32 Leica binoculars / Quaker spotting scope / 600mm lens on camera.
 11. **Distance to bird(s):** As close as 30 feet. At times the bird would circle around my head.
 12. **Duration of observation:**
Throughout the day of 7-23-94 and throughout the morning of 7-24-94.
 13. **Habitat:**
barrier island - on beach and over water
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14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Bird was noted flying, feeding, resting. It was territorial at a small section of beach where 2 immature gulls were begging for food. These immatures appeared to be hybrids probably between this bird and Herring Gull.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: 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):

See photos - 13 photos submitted

The straw yellow iris may not be apparent from the photos and this was also noted. The orbital ring was orange and this was not shown in the slides. All other distinguishing identification notes show quite nicely.

16. Voice:

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

Yellow footed Gull - eliminated by leg color (yellow not greenish yellow), mantle color, primary coloration and pattern of black & white feathering on primaries.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Yes 13 photos I took on 7-23-94 submitted

19. Previous experience with this species:

none

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: A Field Guide to Birds of Australia Pizzy
A Field Guide to Seabirds of the World Harrison
Seabirds An Identification Guide Harrison

21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation
(___ notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___);
 memory. and slides

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

I have not seen Kelp Gull before, but there is nothing else I think this can be.

23. Signature of reporter: Chad R. Lyon

(date)

(time)













