

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1, sex unknown, immature
3. Parish:
Caddo
4. Specific Locality:
Cross Lake Municipal Pier
5. Date(s) when observed: 10/31/2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 7:00 am
7. Reporting observer: Rosemary Seidler
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Caleb Persia
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Caleb Persia, Pam Vercellone Smith, Ryan Broussard, Jack Rogers, Nick, Ramsey, Charlie Lyon, Melissa Weaver, David Booth, and probably others.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast, light fog. Bird was out in the open.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarowski 10X binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): maybe 75 yards
13. Duration of observation: 20 min
14. Habitat: Cross Lake
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): standing on a buoy in Cross Lake

16. 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):

Very small gull, closer to the size of a Least Tern -definitely smaller than a Forster's Tern. Small black pointy bill, black cap, black spot behind the eyes, dark wings with a white section between the shoulder and the rest of the wing.

17. Voice: It was quiet

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Don't know of any other gull that small.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
My photos are attached

20. Previous experience with this species: once before in Texas but not in this plumage.

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

Charlie Lyon reported and photographed a winter adult Little Gull on Oct 24, 2024. This bird was found and identified by Caleb Persia on Oct . I looked it up on line, in Sibley and in National Geographic when I saw the eBird report.

22. Identification aids used when?
At time of sighting

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

24. Date report completed:
2/23/2025

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?
Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?
Yes



