

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1, female plumage, unknown age
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods beachfront area
4. Date(s) when observed: 24 March 2012
5. Time(s) of day when observed: afternoon (around 1:30)
6. Reporting observer and address:
Erik I. Johnson
102 Goodwood Cir.
Lafayette, LA 70508
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Heather Mancuso, Walker Wilson, Daniel Mooney, Jay Juner
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): none known (other female-like LTDU in East Jetty area this winter)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): clear
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 x 42 Swarovski EL binoculars, 20-60x Vortex spotting scope

11. Distance to bird(s): Just past rock jetties (several hundred feet)

12. Duration of observation: several minutes

13. Habitat: nearshore waters

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

With Lesser Scaup raft; floating and diving.

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

Female with white "face patch" and grayish nape. Mostly dark body with some white in flanks and undertail area. In LESC raft. Similar in size to LESC, but perhaps more block-headed.

16. Voice: not heard

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

Head pattern reasonably distinct. Not a scaup or goldeneye by size and location of white face patch.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, one barely useful photo by me.

19. Previous experience with this species: seen several in Louisiana before; many seen in New England when I lived there in 2001-2003

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Sibley Guide to N.A.

21. This description is written from:

	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
x	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	Next day (eBird)
X	Memory		

study of images

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

23. Date: 8 December 2014

Time: 10:40 pm

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

