

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: **Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One female-type
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **Union Parish**

Specific Locality: **off LA-15/ 33 causeway, ca. 1 mi. S of Farmerville**
4. Date(s) when observed: **29 January 2014**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~4:30 – 5:00 PM CST**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Devin Bosler**
14112 Crossing Way East
Edmond, OK 73013
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **N/A**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **Gerry Click originally discovered on 8 January. Steve Pagans, William Mathews, John Dillon, Charles Lyon, m. ob. throughout January and February 2014. Last observed on 1 March by Jay Huner.**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Clear sky with optimal late afternoon sunlight. Sun angle fairly low and facing observer. Backlighting or glare slightly problematic.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss Victory FL 8x42, Kowa TSN 88 series w/ 88 mm angled eyepiece (40-60x zoom), Canon Powershot HS 110 digital elph point-and-shoot camera (equipment in excellent condition).**

11. Distance to bird(s): **ca. 20-25 meters**

12. Duration of observation: **~30 min.**

13. Habitat: **Open freshwater lake nr. primary roadway, disturbed upland mixed pine-hardwood forest, tracts of bottomland hardwood forest, brushy edges, freshwater cattail marsh margins, rural residential, etc.**

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

Only observed actively diving and preening just offshore from causeway. Occasionally preening in between dives. Not associated with any other waterfowl or waterbirds. Almost constantly in motion throughout observation. Not observed in flight.

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 small, whitish diving duck with darker brownish upperparts and whitish underparts. Whitish head with dusky brown crown and brownish markings on face (dark auricular patch). Dark brownish-black mantle and wings (pale-fringed scapulars giving scalloped appearance) contrasting with pale, whitish sides and flanks. Smudgy brownish wash on breast. Bicolored bill; dark steel-blue proximally and black distally (tip). Dark bluish legs and feet. Dark brown irides.

16. Voice: **N/A**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
No other similar N.A. waterfowl.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, digiscoped photos by Devin Bosler. Yes, attached.**

19. Previous experience with this species:

Very familiar with this species from many other U.S. states and multiple Canadian provinces in addition to several individuals in coastal LA.

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **Various online/ web resources.**

21. This description is written from: Yes notes made during the observation (____ notes attached?); Yes notes made after the observation (date: _____); Yes memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: **Devin Bosler** Date: **16 April 2015** Time: **8:00 PM CDT**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? **Yes, please.**

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



