

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 individual, female or 1st winter male
3. Parish: Union
Specific Locality: Where Hwy 15 crosses over Lake D'arbonne
4. Date(s) when observed: 2/3/2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:10 PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Glenn Golson Jr., 470 Donaldson Road, Calhoun, LA 71225
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none
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): midday, overcast and very cold
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon 8X32SE
11. Distance to bird(s): About 30 to 40 yds
12. Duration of observation: Several minutes
13. Habitat: Finger of Lake D'arbonne between Hwy 15 and ramp Road, open water

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Just paddling along. No feeding observed

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*): White and dark grey duck with small beak and circular dark ear coverts, seemed to sit low in water compared to other ducks. Dark upper back and white along waterline.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Bufflehead or Common Goldeneye, but those are more high contrast black and white.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Two photos by me, attached



19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation: Was not sure at time of observation since this was my first.

b. after observation: from my photos compared to books and photos on Vireo.

21. This description is written from:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | notes made during the observation. | Are notes attached? | Photos |
| X | notes made after the observation. | At what date? | Same date |
| X | memory | | |

study of images

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

23. Date: 3/8/15

Time:1:25 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 _____