

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, and apparent immature female

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish)
Cameron _____
Specific Locality: Gulf, offshore third pull-off east of Holly Beach _____
4. Date(s) when observed: 18 December 2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed: around noon—the photo time stamp is off by an hour

6. Reporting observer and address: B. Mac. Myers 641 south 5th St., Eunice, LA 70535

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): Somewhat glary, not ideal

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Vortex very good; 22x60 Bushnell good

11. Distance to bird(s): 100-125 yards

12. Duration of observation: several minutes, perhaps ten or more

13. Habitat: Gulf of Mexico

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Swimming with scaup which I believed were Greater. Dived a few times. I was trying to flush the scaup when the Oldsquaw flew.

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): Smaller than the scaup. Generally rather pale—especially the sides, chest, neck, and face. There was a dusky patch on the side of the face, below the eye and to the rear part of the face. The forehead was rather abrupt/steep. I could see no color on the bill—so assume a female and not a young male. When it flew, the wings were all dark.

16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): A very distinctive duck.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I took several photos. Most are very poor, but I believe they'll work as documentation.

19. Previous experience with this species: Over the years, I've seen it a fair number of times.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: checked guides regarding age/sex

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

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

23. Signature of reporter: B. Mac. Myers 24 December
2016 _____ Date: 12-24-16 _____ Time: 1:56
pm _____

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? ___yes_____



