

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 male
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Slightly east of the town of Holly Beach
4. Date(s) when observed: 15 January 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: around 4:15-5:10 pm
6. Reporting observer and address:
Phillip Wallace
Abbeville, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Paul Conover discovered and identified the bird. Dave Patton also identified the bird.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Fair.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Eagle binoculars and 22x Vortex spotting scope
11. Distance to bird(s): 50-75 yards
12. Duration of observation: Very difficult to determine. The bird was up and down a lot. We spent a lot of time trying for documentation.
13. Habitat: Near shore Gulf of Mexico.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird spent

a lot of time under water.

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*): A small diving duck/sea duck with a conspicuous black patch on the side of the head. There was a tan background for the patch. There was also a black patch on the rear part of the crown. The mantle and most of the folded wings were dark, but there were also patches of white on the back or wings. There was a white teardrop around the eye and curving back over the head. The bill was pinkish/horn colored with black on the top of the bill.

16. Voice: None

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Wallace accompany this report.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen several times.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: Sibley and Madge and Burn

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes, although I always have problems with age and sex of this species.

23. Date: 7 February 2017

Time: 5:15 pm

24. 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

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

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