

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
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, Winter Plumage.

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

East bank of Calcasieu River Ship Channel, Cameron Parish, approximately 1 mile north of Jetty Park. 29.46.27 N/93.46.27 W.

4. 4. Date(s) when observed:

03/27/18 & 04/04/18.

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

3/27/18 – 1:15 PM / 4/4/18 – 2:00 PM

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner, 428 Hickory Hill Drive, Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

None

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Numerous – Michael J. Musumeche, David Booth and others.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Early afternoon in both cases. Good light and no shadows to speak of.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss 10 x 42 binoculars – Good Condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Various – 20 yards to 100 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

3/27/18 – about 20 minutes. 4/4/18 – about 10 minutes.

13. Habitat:

Sandy beach adjacent to major ship channel – brackish water.

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

Bird was accompanying a mixed flock of Blue-winged Teal and Lesser Scaup. First seen in water near scaup flock. Later seen on beach resting. 3/27/18. Seen on beach and then flushed with scaup into water near shore. 4/4/18.

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):

Duck had a white face with dark brown cheek patches and a brown crown. Had brown back and was white below. Winter plumage female.

16. Voice:

Bird was silent.

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

Bird was too distinctive to be confused with other water fowl.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached”):

Images to accompany email transmission of this report.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Have seen Long-tailed Ducks at least 5 times in Louisiana and numerous times in Alaska.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley Field Guide.

b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide

21. This description is written from: ☒ notes made during the observation (notes attached?); ☐ note made after the observation (date: _____); ☐ memory. Also ebird reports.

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

Yes

23. Signature of reporter _____ Jay V. Huner _____ date ____05/23/18____ time ____9:40 PM____



