

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.

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| 1. English and Scientific names: Long-tailed Duck (formerly Oldsquaw) Clangula hyemalis | |
| 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): Adult female | |
| 3. Locality: LOUISIANA Parish: St. Tammany Specific locality: Pond next to The Harbor Center (Harbor Center Blvd.), adjacent to Oak Harbor Blvd., Slidell, LA | |
| 4. Date(s) when observed: Friday, January 24, 2020 | |
| 5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2PM to 3:30PM | |
| 6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com | |
| 7. <u>Other observers</u> accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): Reneé Sawyer and Glenn Ousset. | |
| 8. <u>Other observers who</u> <i>independently identified</i> the bird(s): Initially found by Wanda and Michael Beelman on January 11, 2020. Also, numerous other observers reported this bird on previous dates. | |
| 9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear sky: excellent afternoon lighting. | |
| 10. Optics: Tom-10x42 Bushnell Binoculars and Sony DSC-H50 Digital Camera. Glenn-10x42 Zeiss Binoculars, 20-60x Kronus Scope, Panasonic Digital Camera. Reneé-Kowa Genesis 10x33 Binoculars and Panasonic LUMIX 10x Optical Zoom Digital Camera. | |
| 11. Distance to bird(s): Varied, from about 30 to 50 yards away. | |
| 12. Duration of observation: Off and on for about an hour and a half. Bird was diving constantly. | |
| 13. Habitat: Large freshwater pond, bordered by parking area, street and low brushy and grassy areas. | |
| 14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Swimming and diving underwater frequently. | |
| 15. Description (include only what was actually seen, <i>not what "should" have been seen</i> ; 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): About teal-sized duck (about 15"), lacking long tail. Prominent white face with dark spot on lower rear of face; dark bill, eye, cap (dark runs down back of neck) & back; white or light neck and below; wings dark with no visible pattern. The overall dark-and-white pattern of the entire bird not like any other species. Dark areas were dark brown or dark gray-brown, not black. | |
| 16. Voice: Silent or not audible at the distance from observers to duck. | |
| 17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): No resemblance to any other duck species. | |
| 18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Tom (4), Glenn (2) & Reneé (2). | |
| 19. Previous experience with this species: Tom has previous experience with this species on two other occasions—Jefferson Parish (Bonnabel Boat Launch) on 2/25/2009 and St. Tammany Parish (Guste Island Road) on 3/10/2010. Glenn has previous experience with the species on a number of occasions. New bird for Reneé. | |
| 20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): iBird app; Whatbird.com | |
| a. at time of observation: No, since bird was previously reported at this location, and we knew what to look for. | |
| b. after observation: Yes, to compare images with photos. | |
| 21. This description is written from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during the observation (<input type="checkbox"/> notes attached?) <input type="checkbox"/> notes made after the observation (date: _____); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> memory. | |
| 22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certainty. | |
| 23. Signature of reporter: Tom Trenchard | Date/Time: 1/30/2020 8PM |
| 24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| If yes, may we include your name with the report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |







