

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

☒ Unusual Species ☐ Unusual Date ☐ Unusual Habitat

1. **MOST IMPORTANT:** On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

2. Count Name: Natchitoches Count Code: LANA

3. Species long-tailed Duck Age Sex # female or possibly immature

4. Date (s) of Observation 12/28/2020 Time 1:50 PM to 2:35 pm
Earlier/Later dates by others, if known

5. Place by Mibernal Farms off Hwy 1
Nearest Town Natchitoches County Natchitoches

6. Observer Terri Jacobson
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7. Observation Details:
Other Observers Hubert Hervey
Optics Used Swarovski Habicht 10x42 plus spotting scope
Distance From Bird Viewing Conditions good, clear

Weather, sky cover clear, partly cloudy, partly sunny
Photo Taken? ☒ Video? ☐ Sound Recording? ☐ Specimen? ☐

Are these available to the CBC Regional Editor? yes Where are they? Larry Raymond has copies

8. Past Experience: With this or similar species? I can identify most ducks well when sitting on water.

9. References or Advice Consulted:

10. Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory? ☒ I scanned copy of my notes taken on site

Signature Terri Jacobson Date 1/5/2021
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Attaching Copy of my notes taken on 12/28/2020
I looked through scope than wrote my notes.

Didn't use a ID book until after I wrote my notes.
and made my sketch.

Bird was found by itself on cypress oxbow lake
surrounded by agriculture fields, remnant patches
of bottomland hardwoods and ^{shrubby} edge habitats.

Other waterfowl, grebe, coot, egrets on lake but
were at other end.

one pied-billed grebe swam by and was smaller ^{in size} than duck.

When first saw duck it was floating nearly still, after about 10 mins.
it started diving underwater. Would swim underwater
and pop up. Then dive again. Did not see it fly.

Used Cornell Lab ^{APP} All About birds, Sibley ID book and American
Bird Conservancy's All the birds field guide

Initial id small goose such as Ross but our bird has black bill
and once it dove underwater, we eliminated goose.

Birds profile, shape, small dark bill, slight cheek patch, white &
dark back pointed up to sea ducks long-tailed duck

First Look: impression is overall white bird w/ dark back small dark bill black eyes

dark back
small bill dark
darker greyish top
check grey light
face white

* dives underwater and stays under for longer period of time

short neck
mottled dark grey blackish sides / front
has slight darker band but clean white neck

