

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

English and Scientific names: Long-tailed Duck, *Clangula hyemalis*

Number: 1, female plumage

Location: North Shore Lake Pontchartrain, just west of Causeway, in lake.

Date: 02/15/2024, 1130 h.

Reporting observer and city/state address

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Other observer(s) with: John Nelson, Mark Meunier, Joan Garvey. Nick Ramsey *et alia* overlapping this observation, standing next to us. Numerous other observers that day looking for Pacific Loon seen the previous day.

Original Observers: Jody Shugart 01/30/2024 (presumably the same female-plumaged bird he saw with a male, but seen the other side of the Causeway).

Details: Small duck sitting low in water diving constantly. Quick looks between dives through scope. Dark breast and back, pale head with dark cap and facial smudge.

See <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161596296>

Discussion:

The bird was very actively feeding (diving and swimming), and obviously a bit of a distraction while we searched for the Pacific Loon. My examination was cursory—others having spotted it first and called my attention to it. One assumes it is one of the birds seen by many observers since found by Jody Shugart on January 30.

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

David P. Muth