

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 Jaeger; *Stercorarius longicaudus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One seen on pelagic trip organized by Dr. J.V. Remsen and David Muth out of Venice.
3. Parish: N/A
Specific Locality: blue water of Gulf out of Venice – see ebird list for exact locality
4. Date(s) when observed: 2 September 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Early afternoon, approx. 1337 hrs
6. Reporting observer and address: Larry R. Raymond, 6675 North Park Circle, Shreveport, LA 71107
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): 19 birder participants, including Dr. J.V. Remsen, Dr. Eric Johnson, David Muth, Paul Conover, Robert Dobbs, Nancy Newfield, John Dillon, Hal Mitchell, John Sevanair and others. Not sure which participants saw bird.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Photos provided by myself, Hal Mitchell, John Sevanair, and possibly others.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sunny day, good light, clear visibility

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 x 40 Zeiss binoculars; Nikon camera with 18-300 mm lens
11. Distance to bird(s): bird flew within 50 ft of boat
12. Duration of observation: less than 1 minute, but photos taken
13. Habitat: deep blue waters of Gulf near *Sargassum* line
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): bird flew next to boat flying from stern toward bow
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*): Large mottled gull size bird with deliberate flight. Recognized by others as a jaeger; photos taken for later positive identification.
16. Voice:
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Ruled out Parasitic and Pomarine Jaegers based on 2 distinct, possibly a third less distinct, white outer primary quill. Both Peterson and Sibley show more than 3 for both Parasitic and Pomarine. Overall size of bird and size of bill would tend to rule out Pomarine. Experts consulted by Dr. Remsen comfortable with Long-tailed identification for several reasons: the two strongly white outer primary shafts; strong contrast of secondaries vs rest of wing; no pale tips to primaries; barred axillars buffy, not rusty, as you would expect in Parasitic; and, strongly barred undertail.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): See ebird checklist: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S38986948>
19. Previous experience with this species: None
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
 - a. at time of observation: Identified by other birders with experience as a jaeger at time of observation.

- b. after observation: Peterson Guide, Sibley Guide; internet research; photographs taken at time of observation

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, based on input from others with experience.

23. Date: 8 September 2017

Time: 1600 hrs

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