

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Masked Duck
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
one first winter
3. Parish: Caddo
Specific Locality: Dickson Property, "Tar Slough"
4. Date(s) when observed: 27 June 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: early a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul E. Conover, Lafayette, LA 70506
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): mass ob.
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Paul Dickson
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good morning light
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, Nikon Fieldscope 20-60 zoom
11. Distance to bird(s): est. between 100-150 yards
12. Duration of observation: perhaps an hour
13. Habitat: shallow cattail wetland
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): with Ruddy Ducks. Feeding and resting within a small area near cattail patch.
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*):

Stiff-tailed duck with tan body color, rusty hindneck, head with dark brown crown stripe,

and with roughly equal-width pale buff supercilia, dark eyestripes, pale buff cheek stripes, dark brown lower cheek stripe, then bordered below by rusty-tan. Bill silver/gray, with some dark on culmen.

16. Voice: Not noted

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Ruddy Ruck and other stifftails by head pattern.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Video

19. Previous experience with this species: Only once before.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	no, mental
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 2/8/2018