

## LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

### REPORT FORM

1. English and scientific Names:

Masked Duck, *Nomonyx dominicus*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 bird, appeared to be summer plumage female.

3. Locality: (Parish)

Caddo Parish, LA – 1474 Leonard Road, Shreveport, LA – Tar Slough, Panola Conservancy

4. Date(s) when observed:

06/27/2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Approximately 9:15 AM CDST.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner  
428 Hickory Hill Drive  
Boyce, LA 71409

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):

Paul Dickson

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

J. Van Remsen, Paul Conover, Rob Dobbs, Bufford Myers, Jr. and many others.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Bird in good light with no shadows. Sun to east.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss Conquest HD 10 x 42 Binoculars – good condition – and Vortex Razor Spotting Scope – good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately 120 yards.

12. Duration of observation:

Off and on over a 45 minute period.

13. Habitat:

Managed shallow water reservoir.

14. Behavior of bird /circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation:

The bird was first located and identified by Paul Dickson on his personal property 6/26/18. It was resting in a small patch of alligator weed adjacent to the end of a small copse of cut grass in the company of female Ruddy Duck.

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):

The duck was a small squat diving duck with a broad bill and long, stiff tail. It was mottled brown above and had two distinct dark stripes across its face.

16. Voice

Not heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

The bird is similar to a female Ruddy Duck. However, it was in the company of a female Ruddy Duck so a close comparison could be made between the two birds. The Female Ruddy Duck had a single, diffuse bar across its face. Its face was quite light compared to that of the Masked Duck. See images.

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

Three images will be submitted with this form. They were taken by myself.

19. Previous experience with this species:

This Masked Duck is a life species for me. I have not encountered any before.

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

National Geographic Field Guide. National Audubon Society bird identification app on I-phone.

21. This description is written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_\_ notes attached?): \_\_\_x\_\_\_ made after the observation (date: 06/26/2018); \_\_\_x\_\_\_ memory.

22. Are you positive of you identification if not, explain:

Yes

23. Signature of reporter:            signed            Date: 06/28/2018    Time: 9:10 PM

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\_\_\_



