

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: Pacific Loon, *Gavia Pacifica*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1, in first winter plumage
3. Parish: St. James
Specific Locality: Convent, LA
4. Date(s) when observed: Jan. 12 & 13, 2018
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 7am - 4pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Herman Callais Jr
168 E 120 St, Galliano, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): N/A
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Jay West,
James W. Beck, Bill Wood, Pat Isaacson
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): wide open pond
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Sony cyber shot DSC-Hx400v digital camera
11. Distance to bird(s):
approx: 200-250 feet
12. Duration of observation:
various times during the day
13. Habitat:
open, shallow pond
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and
feeding and resting

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

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*):

thinner bill, no white coloration around eyes

16. Voice:

heard before daylight/sunrise

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

Common loon (thicker bill, white coloration around eyes)

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

Photographs, by myself / yes

19. Previous experience with this species:

noon, common loon only

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

Input from fellow birders, Kaufman Field Guide to Birds of North America

a. at time of observation:

NO

b. after observation:

yes

21. This description is written from:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | notes made during the observation. | Are notes attached? | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | notes made after the observation. | At what date? | 1-13-18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | memory | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | study of images | | |

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

yes

23. Date: 1-15-18

Time: 10:00 AM

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