

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).

1. English and Scientific names: Red Phalarope - *Phalaropus fulicarius*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 presumably adult in basic plumage
3. Locality: Parish: Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality: ~20 miles south of South Pass
5. Date(s) when observed: 9/20/25
6. Time(s) of day when observed: mid afternoon
7. Reporting observer and address: Esme Rosen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): spotted by me and seen by everyone on the boat
9. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): ~5 meters
13. Duration of observation: 20 minutes or so
14. Habitat: sargassum line in open ocean
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): loosely associated with feeding flock of Red-necked Phalaropes

16. 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): [Pudgy shorebird with thin neck, small round head, and short straight beak. The underparts, neck, and head were white, with a dark ear patch, and a small amount of black on the back of the head. There were a few small reddish patches on the belly and faint streaks on the flanks. The back and wings were a solid gray with no particular patterning. The bill was black a blunt-tipped, with an orange base to the lower mandible. In flight, there was a white flash on the upperwing, which otherwise gray to dark gray on the primaries and secondaries, and the underside of the wing was white. Tail rather ragged, and same color as back. Feet orange, legs dull yellowish.](#)

17. Voice: not heard

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [The only similar species is Red-necked Phalarope, which is easily eliminated by the blunt-tipped bill with an orange base, plain grey back, and the orangish feet. We also saw the bird in a flock of Red-necked Phalaropes, and it was noticeably larger, with a clearly different bill shape.](#)

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [photos attached](#)

20. Previous experience with this species: [I have seen the species in California twice before](#)

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

22. Identification aids used when (at time of observation, after observation):

23. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: [yes](#)

24. Date report completed: [2/22/26](#)

25. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? [yes](#)

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report? [yes](#)







