

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1

3. Parish: Vernon

Specific Locality: 3682 Liliedahl Road DeRidder LA 70634

4. Date(s) when observed: Aug 12, 2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:25am

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Donna Sliman
City: DeRidder
State: Louisiana

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

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): None

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was facing south with side of body to the full sunlight

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon EOS 5D Mark 111 with 300mm lens in great condition

11. Distance to bird(s): 47 ft

12. Duration of observation: 1 hour 42 minutes

13. Habitat: Setting on my outdoor shower

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): setting on the wall of outdoor shower, looked very fatigue and tired. Keep closing eyes for a few minutes then open. Looked to be sleeping at times. Occasionally opening mouth wide, like it was yawning and stretched out his wings open. After a hour or so it set down on fence and began to slump it's head down actually hanging it below its feet and wobbled as if it was going to fall off wall. I thought it was dying and did not want it to fall off wall, so I went up behind it to gently take it off to set on ground. Upon touching it on both sides of it's wings it picked it's head up and looked at me with a loud shrill (hard to actually describe) sound. Upon backing off and talking softly to it he or she just stared at me not scared and soon went back to closing its eyes but not hanging head any more. I went into house to download photos and about 20 minutes later came out to see if it was still OK only to find it was gone.

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*): about 2 to 2 ½ ft tall, The head was white with tinges of light brown to cream color mixed in. White under body with brown mottled feathers on top of wings, dark brown under wings. Wings very long when stretched out. Red webbed feet. Long bill pinkish color with dark tip. Blueish orbital ring and right where feathers and bill meets. Eyes were dark brown. Long primaries feathers.

16. Voice: not sure how to describe

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Northern Gannet, does not have bright red feet

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Donna Sliman

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation: The Cornell Lab

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		

study of images

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

23. Date: Nov 3, 2020

Time:6:30

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 \_\_\_\_\_







