

LBRC Report Form

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 individual, male, adult, standard
3. Parish:
Orleans
4. Specific Locality:
Bucktown
5. Date(s) when observed: 11/11/2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Morning, 7am
7. Reporting observer: Jessie Ledet
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
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): Direct sun
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): iPhone camera
12. Distance to bird(s): Within 5 feet or less of the observer.
13. Duration of observation: 30+ minutes before he returned inside the cabin, later exchanging the barge it was on with another boat.
14. Habitat: barge
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): It was a fairly cool morning just after a pretty big cold front had come through. Bird was resting on a barge, observer went to check on it thinking it was a seagull before realizing it was

something else and began to video. He later sent it to me, who recognized it as something different. I then did a bit of research and realized how rare the bird was before reporting it to several people who then began looking for it. He had no clue how rare the bird was and only took the two videos. By the time I told him they had already swapped the barge over to another boat. He gave me the coordinates to the original sighting which was (30.1444641,-90.1463118). The barge which the bird was initially spotted on was then moved to Bucktown harbor, coordinates (30.0218866,-90.1228981) but was never seen again despite the crew and others being notified.

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):

A larger bodied white seabird with black feathers extending down the wings and a long black tail. Bright red feet and a spear like bill.

17. Voice:

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

Brown booby, the red feet are clear in the video.

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

Two videos taken by the original observer, Jessie Ledet. Attached.

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

20. Previous experience with this species: I briefly remember learning about various species of booby as a child and therefore recognized it to be some species of such.

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

iNaturalist as well as Google.

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes. Many have confirmed it as such, and the videos are quite clear and high quality.

24. Date report completed:

11/15/25

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes