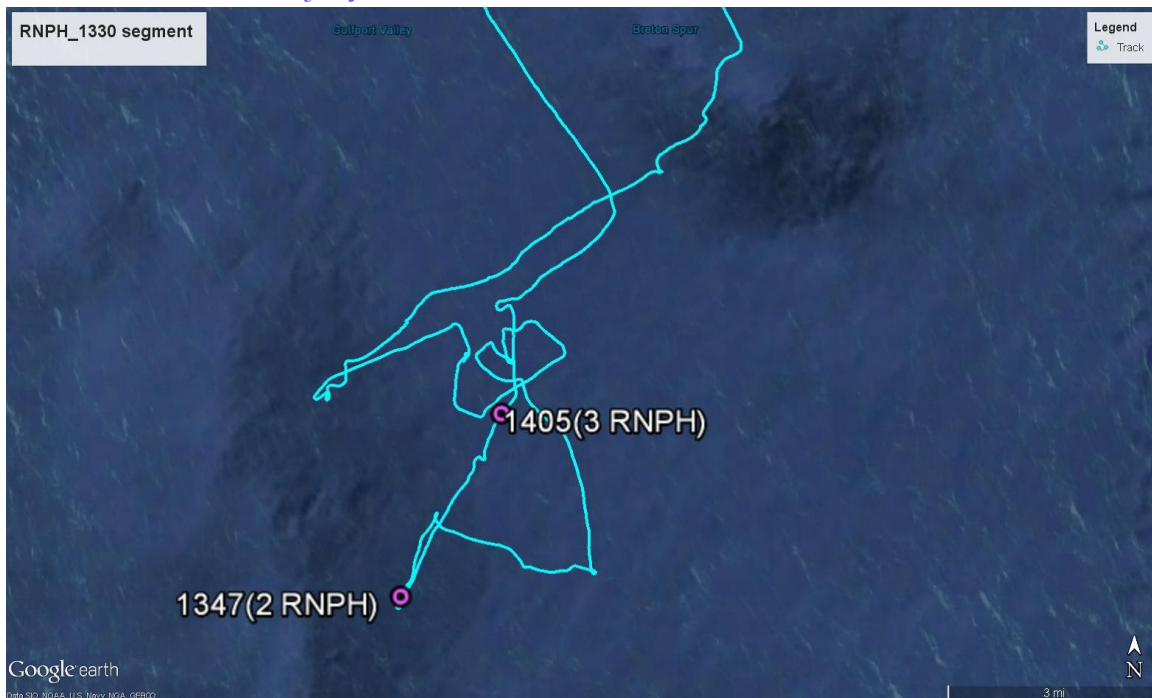


# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## 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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: [Red-necked Phalarope](#), *Phalaropus lobatus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
[Five \(groups of two at 1347, and three at 1405\)](#)
3. Locality: Parish: [Gulf of Mexico \(nearest parish = Plaquemines\)](#)  
Specific Locality: [28.5233, -88.8410 \(group of 2, 1347 CDT\) & ca. 28.5578, -88.8184 \(group of 3, 1405 CDT\), along 1330 CDT segment of trip--ca. 36 mi SE of Miss. River South Pass jetty:](#)



4. Date(s) when observed: [2 September 2017](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [1347 \(group of 2\) & 1405 \(group of 3\) CDT](#)

6. Reporting observer and address: Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Paul Conover, John Dillon, Danny Dobbs, Marty Guidry, Erik Johnson, Hal Mitchell, David Muth, Larry Raymond, Van Remsen (these are simply the people I recall nearby), et al.
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): Sunny, clear sky.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)
11. Distance to bird(s): not noted in the field, but probably in the 70-100 m range, based on photos
12. Duration of observation: Both observations brief (< 10 sec?) fly-bys
13. Habitat: sargassum line, blue water
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Both groups were fly-by only
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): Small shorebirds (about Sanderling size) w/ med-long, thin black bills. Head mostly white with conspicuous black postocular patch, i.e., "phalarope mark." Upperparts not really visible in photos (and not specifically noted in the field). Underparts white. These birds were seen/photographed in-flight only, where white wing-stripes contrasted with otherwise dark upper wings, and dark markings on underwing coverts are apparent on all photographed (4 of 5) birds.
16. Voice: I don't recall these birds being vocal.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Red Phalarope may be eliminated based on needle-like bill structure and dark markings on underwing coverts.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Photos by Robert C. Dobbs, attached](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Much experience with Red-necked Phalarope in the western U.S., but very little with Red.](#)

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

a. at time of observation: [None](#)

b. after observation: [Hayman et al. \(1986\) Shorebirds: an identification guide](#)

21. This description is written from:  notes made during the observation ( notes attached?);  notes made after the observation (date: );  memory;  photos taken during observation.

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

23. Date: [26 Sep 2017](#) Time: [1900 CDT](#)

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

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



Group of 2; timestamp 1347



Group of 3; timestamp 1405