

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: Red-necked Phalarope; *Phalaropus lobatus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 59 seen on pelagic trip organized by Dr. J.V. Remsen and David Muth out of Venice. I observed and photographed more than half of this number.
3. Parish: N/A
Specific Locality: blue water of Gulf out of Venice – see ebird lists for exact localities
4. Date(s) when observed: 2 September 2017
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Mid-morning through early afternoon
6. Reporting observer and address: Larry R. Raymond, 6675 North Park Circle, Shreveport, LA 71107
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): 19 birder participants, including Dr. J.V. Remsen, Dr. Eric Johnson, David Muth, Paul Conover, Robert Dobbs, Nancy Newfield, John Dillon, Hal Mitchell, John Sevanair and others.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): See #7.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sunny day, good light, clear visibility
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10 x 40 Zeiss binoculars; Nikon camera with 18-300 mm lens

11. Distance to bird(s): closest birds approx. 50 to 100 feet from boat
12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes to an hour watching and photographing this species
13. Habitat: Along *Sargassum* line in deep blue waters of Gulf
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): birds feeding among *Sargassum*, resting, and flying when approached by boat
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*): Small sandpiper size bird with straight, thin bill; white wing-stripe, and streaks on back. Dark stripe through eye; with white underparts. Leading edge of wing below with dark markings.
16. Voice: Some buzzy chatter heard, but no identifiable for me.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Habitat wrong for Wilson's Phalarope which also lacks stripe in wing. Separated from Red Phalarope by thin bill and streaked back. Also, Sibley shows dark markings on leading edge under wing of Red-necked Phalarope that are not present on Red Phalarope. I can see this character in photos.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): See ebird checklists: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S38984265>
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S38984288>
19. Previous experience with this species: None
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
 - a. at time of observation: Identified by other birders with experience with this species at time of observation. Characters separating this species from similar species discussed during observation.
 - b. after observation: Sibley Guide; internet research; photographs taken at time of observation

21. This description is written from:

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

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

23. Date: 8 September 2017

Time: 1500 hrs

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