

# 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-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
**One juvenal plumaged bird.**

3. Parish: **East Baton Rouge**  
Specific Locality: **West Irene Impoundments**

4. Date(s) when observed: **31 August 2020**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **8:30-10 AM**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

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| Reporting observer: <b>Dan Lane</b> |
| City: <b>Baton Rouge</b>            |
| State: <b>LA</b>                    |

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Matt Brady, Oscar Johnson, Marky Mutchler, Van Remsen**

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Mostly cloudy, but even bright light.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Leica 10x42 binoculars, Swarovski 25-60 zoom lens on 85mm scope.**

11. Distance to bird(s): **at closest, about 80m, and as far as 250m**

12. Duration of observation: **For most of 2 hours.**

13. Habitat: Rust-colored settling pond with red mud borders and some grass and cattail edge.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Mostly seen swimming, often associating with Black-necked Stilts. Flew on a few occasions, but returned to favored area.

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*): A small (passerine-sized) shorebird that was always seen swimming. Mostly white below, black ear patch and crown, needle bill. Dorsum was blackish with buff-white stripes on scapulars. White band on bases of remiges when it flew.

16. Voice: Surprisingly loud "pic pic pic" notes when in flight (recorded).

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Red Phalarope would have thicker bill, less uniformly blackish back in similar ageclass.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, see <https://ebird.org/checklist/S73041050>

19. Previous experience with this species: Moderate, from Alaska to California, Arizona, and Peru.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

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| <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 type="checkbox"/>            | memory                             |                     |                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | study of images                    |                     |                          |

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

23. Date: 31 August 2020  
Time: 4:30pm

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 \_\_\_\_\_



