

# 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): [1 juvenile, sex unknown](#)
3. Parish: [East Baton Rouge](#)  
Specific Locality: [West Irene Impoundments, Baton Rouge landfill area](#)
4. Date(s) when observed: [19 Oct 2020](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [approx. 08:45am – 10:00am](#)
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <a href="#">Dan Lane</a>
City: <a href="#">Baton Rouge</a>
State: <a href="#">Louisiana</a>
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Matt Brady, Anna Hiller, Van Remsen, Cameron Rutt](#)
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): [Excellent, light overcast](#).
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [Leica 10x42 binocular, Swarovski 20-60x telescope](#).
11. Distance to bird(s): [Initially, about 300 m, but at closest, about 20 m](#).
12. Duration of observation: [For most of the 1 hr, 15 min](#).

13. Habitat: Old settling pond with rust-colored mud and questionable water.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): First detected by the distinctive “kit” flight call, and noted as if flew in and joined other shorebirds at edge of pond. We then lost track of it and walked closer to where we expected it may have gone, eventually relocating it and using playback to attract it very close to us at which point it preened and slept briefly. Cameron and I took a ream of photos and video, and then it flew back (being chased by numerous Tree Swallows!) out into deeper water and resumed feeding while swimming. We eventually lost track of it, but suspect it was still foraging on the pond after we departed.

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 smallish shorebird, starkly black-and-white plumage with black ear patch, crown, and much of upperparts. Regularly swimming (no spinning noted) in typical Phalarope style, as well as some walking along edge of pond. Needle-thin bill.

16. Voice: As mentioned above, first detected by distinctive “kit” flight call.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Red Phalarope usually grayer above, and should have thicker-based bill (usually showing yellow). Wilson’s Phalarope quite different, lacking black auricular and upperparts. Nothing else similar in behavior or plumage.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, photos and video. Photos in document below.

19. Previous experience with this species: Encountered on perhaps a dozen occasions at several places from Alaska, California, Arizona, Peru, and most recently in August at this same locality!

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: None.

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes.

23. Date: 19 Oct 2020

Time: 9:00 pm

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 \_\_\_\_\_



























