

**LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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Species: Red-necked Phalarope, *Phalaropus lobatus*

Location: West Irene Road Impoundments, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

Date: 31 August 2020

Age and sex: Juvenile, sex unknown

Molt status: Unknown

Number of individuals: One

Other observers: Dan Lane, Marquette Mutchler, Matt Brady, Robb Brumfield, Van Remsen

Original observer: Dan Lane, I think

Circumstances: We were birding this site with special legal advance permission. Dan (I think) spotted this bird soon after we arrived at the main pond. It was swimming about in shallow water near some stilts and we were able to watch it at our leisure through spotting scopes. All of my photos and video are digi-scoped, as it was too far away for my telephoto lens. Others were able to get better photos, however. Temps in mid 80s, calm, mostly cloudy, humid. eBird list, including many better photographs taken by others: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S73041167>

Description: A medium sized shorebird that spent all of its time swimming on the surface of the water in typical phalarope fashion. Dark blackish above, including hind neck and crown, and otherwise entirely white. An isolated black patch around the eye extended back through the auriculars. The black of the mantle was interspersed with paler buff streaks. The bill was thin, straight, and entirely black.

Discussion: Wilson's Phalarope is eliminated by the contrasting black eye patch. Red Phalarope is eliminated by the darker mantle and the thin black bill.

