

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Red-necked Phalarope - *Phalaropus lobatus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
2 immatures
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Gulf of Mexico ca. 13 miles south of South Pass 28.917927, -89.091192
5. Date(s) when observed: 9/14/24
6. Time(s) of day when observed: around 10 am
7. Reporting observer: Esme Rosen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
entire boat, see eBird for full list - but including Van Remsen, David Muth, Paul Conover, Lauren Harter
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): generally good light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): at times fairly close, but hard to accurately judge distance on the open water for me
13. Duration of observation: first observation was about five minutes, but we saw them again several times over the course of 20 minutes or so
14. Habitat: open ocean - blue water I think
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): landing on ocean, flying when the boat came to close but landing nearby

16. 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 shorebird with dark eye patch, black wings with conspicuous pale lines though the back, which was partly black and partly grey, where basic plumage feathers had started to come in - one bird significantly further along in back molt than the other. Dark cap, otherwise white on head, neck, and belly. Bold white wing stripes in flight. Needle-like tip of all black bill

17. Voice: not heard

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
the only similar potential shorebird species in this habitat is Red Phalarope, which has a thicker, more blunt tipped bill and typically a buffy wash on the chest

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
photos attached, many others on eBird as well

20. Previous experience with this species: I have seen thousands of this species in the west

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

22. Identification aids used when?
None used

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

24. Date report completed:
9/28/24

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?
Yes



