

## 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):  
one
3. Parish:  
Vermilion Parish
4. Specific Locality:  
Gladu Road just north of Kaplan
5. Date(s) when observed: May 16, 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:00 AM
7. Reporting observer: Cheryl Huner
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Michael Musumeche
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
N/A
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Morning sunlight conducive to image color accuracy.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica Noctavids 10X42; Nikon P1000 camera
12. Distance to bird(s): 30 yards distance
13. Duration of observation: We watched the bird for about 25 minutes.
14. Habitat: Drained rice field with water present at a depth of approximately 6 inches.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The phalarope was actively feeding in the shallow field with Wilson's Phalaropes.
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):

Bird was a medium sized sandpiper with slim black bill, dark gray head, white throat and lower cheek, gray coloring extended onto back, feathers on upperparts were gray with golden edging, flanks were mottled gray, and white was under tail area. Rusty red feathers formed an arc from the auricular area near head down the back and both sides of neck. It had dark eyes with a small white line above each eye.

17. Voice: No vocalization was detected, there were a couple thousand individual birds present.

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
The key indicator was the smaller size and color variation difference between the Wilson's Phalarope which was present in very close proximity to it.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):  
My own photographs are attached to the report.

20. Previous experience with this species: This is a lifer for me, I had never seen it before, but it looked so different, with a red neck.  
Mike knew what it was immediately.

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
We used Merlin photographic ID, and The Sibley Guide to Birds, 2nd ed., David Allen Sibley.

22. Identification aids used when?  
At time of sighting

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

24. Date report completed:  
May 16, 2025

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



Red-necked Phalarope

Wilson's Phalarope



