

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):
1
3. Parish:
Plaquemines Parish
4. Specific Locality:
61 to 65 mi. S of South Pass
5. Date(s) when observed: 20 Sept 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:48PM
7. Reporting observer: David Vander Pluym
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Jerry Su found this individual, everyone on board saw it.
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Many others on board
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sun was high above us but at times was in poor light were the sun was reflecting.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Swarovski
12. Distance to bird(s): maybe 50 feet at the closes
13. Duration of observation: several minutes
14. Habitat: open ocean, blue water
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Swimming on surface, didn't really notice it pecking at the surface.

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):

Long needle like bill, long neck shorebird swimming on ocean. White forehead, thick black cap extending onto nape, thick black mask extending from the eye onto the auriculas, rest of the head and neck seemed white. Sitting on the water wings looked black with pale brown edgings on the tertials, back was black with a couple of pale brown stripes.

17. Voice: hard sharp klett

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Obvious phalarope, long bill and striped back rule out Red Phalarope

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

yes attached. More on eBird <https://ebird.org/checklist/S275113924>

20. Previous experience with this species: tens of thousands

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

none

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

24 Sept 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







