

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: Red-throated Loon

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1; Juvenile; ? sex

3. Parish: Union

Specific Locality: W of boat launch spur W of Hwy 33(15) bridge.

4. Date(s) when observed: 11/05/2014

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 16:20

6. Reporting observer and address: William Matthews

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7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

Doug Liles

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Steve Pagans et al.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast and light rain.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss 10x42 binos; Swarovski 10x50 binos; B&L Elite 20-60x 80mm scope; 20-60x 80mm Swarovski scope. All very good cone.

11. Distance to bird(s): varied from 200-300m.

12. Duration of observation: 30min

13. Habitat: open water calm.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Swimming, diving and feeding.

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*):

Small loon with speckled (not barred) back. Narrow upturned bill. Gray neck, no definite pattern.. Slight crest on back of head.

16. Voice: Silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Smaller size w/o white "necklace" separates it from common loon.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Too far for us to photo but Steve Pagans had photoed what was undoubtedly the same individual ~5hrs. earlier the same day. HIS photos on accompanying flash drive.

19. Previous experience with this species: None

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley guide.

b. after observation: Above and Louisiana Birds by Lowery

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation.-N Are notes attached?-N

notes made after the observation.-N At what date?

memory-Y

study of images-Y

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

23. Date: 12/13/2014

Time: 19:26

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____ Yes- (permission to use images needs to be obtained from Steve Pagans).

If yes, may we include your name with the report? ___ Yes _____

