

# 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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one, unknown sex, unknown age
3. Locality: Parish: Union  
Specific Locality: Bayou D'Arbonne Lake off Pleasure Island Rd.
4. Date(s) when observed: 11/15/2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:40 am for 10 minutes
6. Reporting observer and address: Mary Mehaffey, 84305 Cobblestone Ct., Folsom, LA 70437
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Cham Mehaffey, Rosemary Seidler
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast day, bird in lake with no shade on it 11:40 am

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Brunton 20 x 60 scope, excellent condition

11. Distance to bird(s): about 150 - 175 yds.

12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Fresh water lake

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

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): Somewhat smaller than Common Loon, face very white, also sides of neck, breast, and belly very white, some dark on side of neck; thin, pointed bill much thinner than Common Loon; dark cap, back, and back of neck

16. Voice: did not call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Common Loon is larger and has much thicker bill also does not have as much white on face as this bird did

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): none

19. Previous experience with this species: seen in early March off Atlantic coast of Florida



20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): The Sibley Guide to Birds; National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America

a. at time of observation: The Sibley Guide to Birds

b. after observation: National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America

21. This description is written from:   x   notes made during the observation (       notes attached?);        notes made after the observation (date:       );        memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

23. Date:   11/18/2014   Time:   10:45 am  

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website?   Yes  

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

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