

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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
3. Locality: : (parish) ___ Union _____
Specific Locality: ___ D'Arbonne Lake _____
4. Date(s) when observed: 11-5 and 11-9-14
5. Time(s) of day when observed: On 11-5-14 at 11:15 am and on 11-9-14 at 12:30 pm
6. Reporting observer and address: Steve Pagans, 128 Honeysuckle Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): On 11-5-14, Gerry Click.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): On 11-5-14, Gerry Click, William Matthews and Doug Liles. On 11-9-14, Gerry Click.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): On 11-5 it was overcast and cool with light rain. On 11-9-14, it was clear and cool.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition) Scope 20-60x and Canon 5D Mark II camera with Canon 400/5.6 lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): On 11-5-14 about 60-80 yards. On 11-9-14, maybe 2000 feet.
12. Duration of observation: On 11-5-14 at least an hour. On 11-9-14 probably 20 minutes.
13. Habitat: Lake
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): On 11-5-14 it was doing a lot of diving to feed but stayed close to shore. On 11-9-14 it was in more of a resting mode.
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): Gray head down to the eye, head was also gently sloped to the back which reminded me a little bit of the shape of the Canvasback's head. There was also a subtle but definite eye ring. Neck was a dingy gray; sharp, long thin bill that was slightly upturned. While preening it showed a lot of white on the side and low on the neck
16. Voice: None
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): None
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photo for 11-5-14

19. Previous experience with this species: 2-7-09 at Caney Creek Reservoir dam and on 11-20-02 at Pea Island NWR along the North Carolina coast.

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

a. at time of observation: On 11-5-14 I used bird identification books and photos taken at the time. On 11-9-14 I used my scope to closely observe the bird and photos.

b. after observation: Bird identification books and photos.

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

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

23. Signature of reporter: Stephen L. Pagans Date: 1-11-15 Time: 12:10 pm

