

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: Sabine's Gull
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
2 juveniles
3. Locality: Parish: Caddo
Specific Locality:
Cross Lake
4. Date(s) when observed: 9-5-17
5. Time(s) of day when observed: first bird found at 2:50 pm second bird shortly thereafter
6. Reporting observer and address: Charles Lyon Shreveport, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): I was on the boat by myself but called others to see the bird. They were Jeff Trahan, Rosemary Seidler, Dot Rambin, and John Dillon.
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): excellent 25% cloud cover
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): binoculars see photos
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 20 feet
12. Duration of observation: one hour plus
13. Habitat: open water seen from boat

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

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): small gull very acrobatic with distinctive black, white, gray wing and back pattern. Juvenile bird with grayish brown patterned back with smudge on back of head, white forehead, dark bill, light pink feet. See multiple photos.

16. Voice: silent

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): first seven photos of bird #1 second four photos of bird #2

19. Previous experience with this species: extensive

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): none

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: sibley and geo

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); _____ memory. referring to eBird report and photos

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

yes

23. Date: ___2-24-18_____ Time: ___11:20am_____

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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