

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
3
3. Parish:  
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:  
Gulf Of Mexico
5. Date(s) when observed: 9/20/2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:32 pm
7. Reporting observer: Brandon Johnson
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Robb Brumfield, Gary Byerly, Paul Conover, Ezra Garber, Oliver Garber, Katherine Gividen, Brandon Johnson, Vinay Laxminarayan, Debbi Logan, Mark Meunier, David Muth, Mac Myers, Rounak Patra, Dave Patton, Esme Rosen, Jerry Su, Royal Tyler, David Vander Pluym
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Sony A1 II 400 - 800mm plus 8x42 binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 10 feet
13. Duration of observation: 30 minutes
14. Habitat: Open water

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

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):  
tricolored wing pattern with gray back, a white triangle, and a black outer wing . white belly, grey back

17. Voice:

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
Other gull species but wing pattern rules out other species

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):  
Brandon Johnson and many others here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S274783418>

20. Previous experience with this species: None besides looking at Facebook posts of one found prior week in Shreveport area

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

22. Identification aids used when?  
At time of sighting, After observation

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

24. Date report completed:  
10/22/2025

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







