

# 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](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Scopoli's Shearwater *Calonectris diomeda*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 unknown age and sex

3. Parish: Plaquemines  
Specific Locality: 21-27 miles SE of Southwest Pass

4. Date(s) when observed:  
22 September 2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed:  
Approximately 1pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jack Rogers
City: Kingsville
State: TX

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):  
N/a. There were some others on the boat who also thought the bird was a good candidate for a potential SCSH (Erik Johnson, maybe Cameron Rutt as well?) but discussions seemed to fall off following the trip
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Kate Sutherland and Van Remsen via photo review
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): n/a

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
Leica 10x42 Binoculars in good condition

11. Distance to bird(s):  
n/a

12. Duration of observation:

Fairly brief (under 1 minute)

13. Habitat: open ocean, may have been some nearby sargassum lines

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

Since it has been such a long time since this observation, I don't entirely remember, but I seem to think it was a pretty brief flyby.

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*):

A "Cory's"-type Shearwater (sandy-backed, pale underneath, yellow bill) with extensive white bleeding into P8-10

16. Voice:

n/a

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

Cory's Shearwater eliminated by extensive white in P8-10

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

By me attached via eBird

19. Previous experience with this species:

Have seen quite a few in offshore NC

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

n/a

a. at time of observation:

n/a

b. after observation:

FLOOD, R.L. & GUTIÉRREZ, R. 2021. Field separation of Cory's *Calonectris borealis* and Scopoli's *C. diomedea* Shearwaters by underwing pattern. *Marine Ornithology* 49: 311–320.

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes

23. Date: 26 August 2024

Time: 10 AM

24. 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\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_

