

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Scopoli's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1
3. Parish:  
Plaquemines Parish
4. Specific Locality:  
Gulf Of Mexico
5. Date(s) when observed: Sat 20 Sep 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:30 AM
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): great light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 800mm Camera lens
12. Distance to bird(s): 150 Feet
13. Duration of observation: 3 minutes
14. Habitat: Open Ocean
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): 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):

pale seabird with brownish-grey upperparts, a white belly, and distinctive pale yellow bill with a dark tip

17. Voice: none

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

Cory's Shearwater eliminated by wing feathers and pattern.

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

Brandon Johnson

20. Previous experience with this species: None

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

Sibley app

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Pretty sure. Identification was confirmed after all photos were compiled to confirm.

24. Date report completed:

12/14/2025

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

