

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: **Trumpeter Swan**

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

**1 subadult**

3. Parish: **Franklin**

Specific Locality: **Davis Park, Winnsboro**

4. Date(s) when observed: **31 December 2022**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **ca. 2:20 p.m.**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: <b>Paul E. Conover</b>
City:
State:

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **Previously reported. I imagine that finder and many other observers will submit reports.**

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Fine**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Nikon Fieldscope w/ 20-60 zoom coupled with Samsung S22 phone camera.**

11. Distance to bird(s): **several hundred yards, I'd think**

12. Duration of observation: **ca. 1 hour**

13. Habitat: **Large municipal oxidation pond**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **Preened, fed with head and neck submerged, swam, rested.**

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*):

**Large whitish swan with long thin neck. Facial skin extended back from Canvasback-like bill to meet broadly at front of eye. Facial skin black, bill tip black, with dark pink saddle from nostrils to black tip. Tomium pink. Feathered forecrown coming to deep U/V bordered by facial skin. Plumage of bird washed with gray typical of immature swan plumage.**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Pattern of facial skin eliminates Tundra, morphology and bill shape should eliminate Mute Swan. Whooper Swan should have paler facial skin, I believe.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, video.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Not much; saw first TRSW previous summer in Wyoming, and only adults.**

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: **Memory, images.**

22. Are you positive of your identification? **Yes. I think the ID is fairly secure. I have no strong feelings on origin.**

23. Date: **30 Jan 2023**

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

