

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
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:

Tundra Swan, *Cyngus columbianus*

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

Juvenile bird, Body white but head with some blackish streaking.

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) (specific locality)

Pintail Drive, Cameron Prairie NWR, Cameron Parish. In large impoundment westerly of parking area for marsh board walk.

4. Date(s) when observed:

12/17/2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

First observed about 9:25 AM CST. Still present about 9:50 AM when left area.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Jay V. Huner
428 Hickory Hill Drive
Boyce, LA 71409

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

Irvin Louque and Linda Wygoda

8. Other observers who Independently identified the bird(s):

Michael J. Musumeche, Jody Shugart, Mac Myers, Paul Conover, and a number of others.

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

Sun behind me from east. No shadows. Good view.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

10 x 40 binoculars. Zeiss binoculars – good condition; Vortex Spotting Scope – good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately 300 yards.

12. Duration of Observation:

Approximately 25 minutes.

13. Habitat:

NWR marsh impoundment. Mostly shallow, open water.

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

Resting adjacent to copse of cattail. Occasionally lifting head.

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):

Huge white waterfowl. Body and long neck white. Head black streaked. Bill pink with black streaking.

16. Voice:

Bird silent.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Mute Swan and Trumpeter Swan. Both species have long, more slender necks.

18. Photos/Recordings:

To be submitted.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Previously seen in Alaska.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley field guide.

b. after observation: National Geographic and Peterson field guides.

21. This description is written from: x notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation; x memory.

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

Yes

23. Signature of reporter Jay V. Huner 9:10 PM/12/19/2016

