

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: Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge (Pintail Loop)
4. Date(s) when observed: December 27, 2016
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:30- 11:15 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Jon Wise, 5040 Purdue Drive, Metairie, Louisiana 70003 (wise@chaffe.com)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast with light rain
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8 x 42 Nikon Monarch Binoculars initially, then Vortex Razor 65mm HD Ultra High definition scope
11. Distance to bird(s): 300+ yards
12. Duration of observation: 45 minutes
13. Habitat: marsh pond

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was stationary entire time. Head down often, and occasionally lifted head and wings and moved short distance. Did not observe it feeding.

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*): Associated with flock of snow geese. Swan larger with noticeably large and graceful neck. White plumage on body with a slightly grayish neck. Bill was lighter, not fully black.

16. Voice: Did not vocalize.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): There was nothing similar to the swan nearby.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): I took several photographs, the best of which is attached. Bird too far for detailed photography, but shows it is a swan.

19. Previous experience with this species: None.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley Second Edition. IBird Pro.

b. after observation: Same.

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: I am positive it was a swan. I have reviewed various drawings and photos of both Tundra and Mute Swan and feel it is the former, probably a first year or immature. It held its neck straight and seemed smaller than the description of a Mute Swan and I did not see a pointed tail or orange bill to suggest a Mute Swan.

23. Date: February 6, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m.

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_____

