

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Tundra Swan - *Cygnus columbianus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1, unknown sex, immature/1st year
3. Parish:
Bossier
4. Specific Locality:
Arkansas Line Rd, Plain Dealing area
5. Date(s) when observed: January 10th, 2026
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8 AM
7. Reporting observer: Caleb Persia
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Charlie Lyon the night before, found originally by Steve Glover on the 9th. He's an out of state border so I figured I'd put a report in
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sun was rising. Bird in direct sun with no cover in center of a flooded field
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Monarch M5s
12. Distance to bird(s): 30-40 yards
13. Duration of observation: 30 minutes
14. Habitat: Flooded agricultural field
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
Swimming/foraging off the side of the road, unbothered by passing cars/trucks

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):

No other "real" birds in the field but Killdeer. TUSW was near Mallard decoys which it towered over. Straight, long neck was visible as I drove up. Made locating the bird easy. Large white waterfowl with "dirty" grey look on face. Bill majority pink at the base with black border near the face. Clean white circle around the eye.

17. Voice: None

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

Bill shape ruled out TRUS and MUSW

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

Yes, photos by me attached

20. Previous experience with this species: None, but I worked with other swan species at Pinola

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

None

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

January 10th 2026

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







