

# 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: White-winged Scoter, *Melanitta fusca*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1, likely second-year bird.
3. Locality: Parish: St. Martin  
Specific Locality: Lake Martin
4. Date(s) when observed: 10 February 2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1630-1700
6. Reporting observer and address: Robert Dobbs, Lafayette, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Danny Dobbs, Meribeth Huizinga
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Matt Pardue (initially reported bird)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast, late-day light
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 80x scope
11. Distance to bird(s): Far (500 m ?)
12. Duration of observation: 30 min
13. Habitat: Open water / shallow lake
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Primarily

resting with decoys; also preening and diving.

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): Large, all-black duck with sloping forehead and large bill. White secondaries visible when bird preened, and when stretched and flapped wings on water. Presumed to be second-year bird by near absence of white facial patches.

16. Voice: Not known to vocalize

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Scoter by all-black plumage and head shape; white secondaries eliminated other scoter species

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photos by Gary Meyers, attached with permission.

19. Previous experience with this species: Plenty, primarily in western U.S.

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:  notes made during the observation ( notes attached?);  notes made after the observation (date: );  memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes, positive

23. Date: 24 Dec 2014 Time: 1456 CST

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website?  Yes, with photo credits to Gary Meyers

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