

# 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): one; adult female
3. Locality: Parish: St Tammany  

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Specific Locality: Madisonville Boat Launch  

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4. Date(s) when observed: 3/18/2014
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:30 am
6. Reporting observer and address: Mary Mehaffey, 84305 Cobblestone Ct., Folsom, LA 70437; [m11mehaffey@att.net](mailto:m11mehaffey@att.net)
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): cloudy day, but out in Lake Pontchartrain in bright light

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Brunton scope 20 x 60 excellent condition

11. Distance to bird(s): about 800 ft

12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes

13. Habitat: Lake Pontchartrain

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): swimming, 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 dark brown duck-like bird with dark bill and white rectangular wing patch. Seen swimming in the lake. When bird reared up and flapped wings, white wing secondaries and light colored belly was observed

16. Voice: did not call

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Black Scoter and Surf Scoter do not have white wing patch

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Mary Mehaffey

19. Previous experience with this species: seen in Florida

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley's Guide to Birds of North America

b. after observation: Sibley's Guide to Birds of North America

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

23. Date: 7/27/2014 Time: 4:45 am

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or  
portions of this report on its website?  Yes

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

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