

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: White-winged Scoter *Melanitta deglandi*

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

1 Female

3. Parish: Terrebonne

Specific Locality: Point Aux Chenes Rd at the Lowland's Borrow Pit

4. Date(s) when observed: March 5, 2019

5. Time(s) of day when observed: Appox 1pm

6. Reporting observer and address: Kathy Rhodes, 5051 Bridgeport Way, Houma, LA 70360

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):

Was swimming in a pond in open water with Lesser Scaup

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

Nikon Coolpix P530

11. Distance to bird(s): 75 yards approx

12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes

13. Habitat: Pond that I now understand is the Lowland's Borrow Pit

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

Swimming with Lesser Scaup

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*):

Black bird swimming in front of 2 lesser scaup. At the time I assumed it was a female. Not until I got home and saw the photograph did I realize it was a "scoter"

16. Voice: None heard

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

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

Photograph by myself

19. Previous experience with this species:

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

Dr. Van Remsen made the correct ID from my photo on eBird

a. at time of observation: Was not aware of this bird at the time of photograph

b. after observation: I originally ID'd as surf scoter and posted on eBird. Dr. Van Remsen corrected the ID and properly identified as a white-winged scoter.

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

Yes, as it was identified by Dr. Van Remsen

23. Date: 3/14/2019

Time: 9:15PM

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_____

