

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: White-winged Scoter, *Melanitta deglandi*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One immature (?) male and one female, basic plumage
3. Parish: Jefferson  
Specific Locality: Metairie – Transcontinental end at Lake Pontchartrain
4. Date(s) when observed: 1 February 2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1319-1342
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Linda Kingsland
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Jon Wise, many others
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): birds observed in bright sunlight, no shade, etc.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42 (two pairs)
11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 30 yards
12. Duration of observation: ca. 20 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): resting on water and occasionally diving with flock of ~30 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*): Large, blackish-brown ducks; female with dark sloping bill, pale white flashes in primaries, but pronounced white secondaries/axillaries (?) and pale spot on face before the eye. Male similar in appearance, but with pinkish mandible.

16. Voice: n/a

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Surf Scoter – lacks white in wings/facial pattern, Black Scoter – lacks white in wings and facial pattern

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. One by reporting observer, one by Linda Kingsland and one by Rick Beck.

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: Sibley

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: yes

23. Date: 16 February 2020  
Time: 1615

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 \_\_\_\_\_

