

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):

One female, unknown age

3. Parish: **East Baton Rouge**

Specific Locality: **Capitol Lake**

4. Date(s) when observed: **11 November 2020**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **17: 30-17:50**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Daniel Lane
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Nick Ramsey (finder), Oscar Johnson.**

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Nick Ramsey (finder), Oscar Johnson.**

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **After sunset by the time I got there, but the twilight was still sufficient to see detail and even get some mediocre photos.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10x40 binocular, Swarovski 20-60 zoom telescope.**

11. Distance to bird(s): **about 100m**

12. Duration of observation: maybe 10 min

13. Habitat: freshwater pond

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

Actively diving, keeping to itself, but strangely at the N end of the lake, where it is narrowest. Possibly because of the presence of other ducks.

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): A medium-sized duck, blackish overall, two bright white spots on face, obvious white secondaries.

16. Voice: none heard.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Other scoters lack white on wings.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, see below. Also see: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S76138339>

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive, mostly from Atlantic coast, but have seen it once previously in Louisiana (in EBR!).

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

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: 10 November 2020

Time: 18:15

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 _____







