

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, possible female.
3. Parish: St. Mary Parish
Specific Locality: Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge, Garden City Unit (29.749505, -91.465099)
4. Date(s) when observed: 12/26/2021, 12/28/2021
5. Time(s) of day when observed: morning, 9:30-10:00 AM for both observations
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: LeeAnn Hepler
City: Patterson
State: Louisiana
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): Overcast sky; bird was swimming in a partially shaded pond.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon dslr camera D7500 with a 300-500mm lens
11. Distance to bird(s): 10-15 meters
12. Duration of observation: 5 minutes
13. Habitat: possible manmade pond surrounded by woods on the southern boundry and grassy/short scrubs on the eastern, western, and northern boundries.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was swimming in pond. No diving or feeding observed.

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*): Bird was dark brown, faint white spots on the face, and white wing bars. It was larger than the greater/lesser scaups and pied-billed grebe, which were also present.

16. Voice: not observed

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

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos from LeeAn Hepler attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: None

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

a. at time of observation: Merlin Bird ID App.

b. after observation: Confirmed with birders on Facebook; reported to Ebird.com

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, I'm confident in the ID.

23. Date: 12/29/2021

Time: 10:20 AM

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, you have my permission.

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