

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 individual either female or immature male

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4. Date(s) when observed: 12/27/2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Andrew From
City: Lafayette
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): none

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): LeAnn Hepler originally found the bird on 12/26/2021. The bird was found earlier in the day by David Booth and Michael Musumeche. Debbie Reynolds (might be wrong on the last name) was there when I arrived.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): dull grey, overcast sky

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics 8x42 binoculars, fair

11. Distance to bird(s): first seen at 20 m

12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes

13. Habitat: deep pond used for dirt excavation

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

Bird was seen swimming and diving on the pond

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*):

Immature/female-type scoter with white patch in front and behind eye, thick, shellfish eating bill that is pinkish on the front. The bird was significantly larger than accompanying Lesser Scaup. Dark brown head with tan, splotchy body coloring.

16. Voice: none

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Black Scoter, the bird in question does not have the orange/yellow patch on the top of the bill like the BLSC

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, myself, yes

19. Previous experience with this species: none

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

a. at time of observation: iBird Pro

b. after observation: National Geographic Birds of North America 7th ed

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	12/27/2021
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 12/27/2021

Time: 3:00 pm

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 _____

